

Stakeholder Briefing – Issue 6

Key Messages and links to 20th May 2020

Welcome to Health Education England's weekly COVID-19 stakeholder bulletin.

HEE is working with partners to support the system-wide response to COVID-19. Our priority is to ensure trainees and learners are kept informed of immediate changes to their training and recruitment, as well as to support returners to the NHS.

In this bulletin we will provide:

- Overview of HEE and our partner's national response to COVID-19
- An update from your regional office
- Signposting to useful resources and contact information

We are supporting all professions to rapidly grow to meet the needs of patients by:

Medical Training Rotations – HEE has confirmed that medical training rotations will take place this summer. Planned rotations were cancelled for May, June and July as a result of COVID-19. All trainees in Foundation and Core posts will rotate as usual at the start of August.

Our priorities are to protect the education and training of our future workforce, to enable junior doctors and other staff to ensure the continued delivery of healthcare services and to maintain the quality and safety of patient care during a summer period that is likely to be busier than usual.

We will be making the most of local knowledge and expertise and minimizing disruption to planned placements wherever possible. HEE offices can work with relevant colleagues locally to determine the pace and timing of rotational changes for existing trainees, facilitating discussions around geographical location, workload management and around induction.

The distance travelled by rotating trainees has been reducing over recent years and HEE has supported moves to minimise change and disruption for individuals.

HEE is also working with the Devolved Nations, General Medical Council (GMC) and medical Royal Colleges to enable trainees to progress by increasing the flexibility within training programmes at critical progression points and at the end of core training.

Doctors Returning to Training - If you missed our knowledge refresher and wellbeing webinars for doctors returning to training - [you can now watch them online](#).

We are ensuring core HEE work to support our NHS colleagues continues:

COVID-19 Patient Information for Vulnerable Groups – HEE’s national NHS Library and Knowledge Services team has collated trusted, accessible online patient information resources about COVID-19 for frontline staff across health, social care and voluntary organisations to share with the patients and family groups with whom they work. The team has liaised with PHE, NHSE/I and the Patient Information Forum on the development of this resource <https://library.nhs.uk/coronavirus-resources/>

Further material will be added to this resource, to meet the needs of a wider range of information groups. If you have thoughts on topics that you would like to see covered on Coronavirus, please contact KFH.England@hee.nhs.uk.

We are making sure all professions have the training they need to make a difference:

HEE e-Learning for Healthcare (e-LfH) - the COVID-19 e-learning programme is still being well used by many of the health and care workforce responding to the pandemic. There have now been more than 1,100,000 session launches since the programme went live in mid-March.

A new learning path called: “Nightingale Hospital - Essential Learning for Non-Critical Care Staff” has been added to the e-learning programme. The resources cover topics including airway management, end of life care, managing the deteriorating patient, invasive ventilation and oxygen therapy and can be accessed [here](#).

Resources from Cancer Research UK have been added to the Resources for Primary and Social Care Setting folder. The resources are: Safety Netting Cancer Patients during the COVID-19 Pandemic - Best Practice Guide and Safety Netting during the COVID-19 Pandemic - Summary of Recommendations.

For more information about the programme select [here](#).

Learning Hub COVID-19 release – share your resources – the HEE Technology Enhanced Learning team will be releasing the Learning Hub, with core functionality, at the end of May 2020 and would like to hear from organisations with resources to share and contribute to the platform.

The Learning Hub is being released to support the Coronavirus (COVID-19) response by enabling the health and care workforce to share and access resources during the pandemic.

The Learning Hub will be a new digital platform that will provide easy access to a wide range of resources that are pertinent to education and training in health and care. Users will be able to contribute digital resources (including e-learning, video, audio, images, documents, web links, articles etc) and search and access the variety

of learning resources that will have been contributed by stakeholders and the health and care workforce.

The Learning Hub team is working with existing and new stakeholders to bring resources to the initial release and beyond. Guidance will be available to support stakeholders that are contributing resources to ensure good quality accompanying data, optimising the resource information and searchability in the Learning Hub

If your organisation has resources which you wish to share and contribute to the platform please email tel@hee.nhs.uk, to begin discussions in readiness for the launch of the Learning Hub.

If you would like to know more about this release of the Learning Hub follow @HEE_TEL on Twitter, read the [blog](#) and look out for regular updates over the next few weeks.

REGIONAL UPDATE

Medical

- GP Deans have issued letter outlining arrangements for ST3 assessments, this can be found on the HEE website (<https://www.hee.nhs.uk/coronavirus-information-trainees>) under the training and progression section
- Confirmed that training programmes that usually rotate in August in the Midlands will remain as August rotations for 2020.

Dental

On-going discussions with Midlands PHE Centre Director and national PHE Senior Team around maintaining dental trainee deployed until December 2020. Request for dentists to support the national flu immunisation programme, community phlebotomy and contact tracing. Opportunities still exist to discuss Trusts utilising dental trainees within the Medical Support Worker persona, ideally to start training in June/July in preparation for further surge activity.

For any further information, please contact Andrew.Dickenson@hee.nhs.uk

Student Redeployment

As of the 19th May 2020, there were a total of 4,982 students seeking deployment through the HEE portal, and of those; with 2,687 have been deployed. An increase of 467 students deployed to NHS placement providers in the Midlands region in the past 7 days. The SIW cell continues to deploy nurses, midwives and AHP's through the portal and develop processes to deploy into PIVO through lead employer models across the region. There has been a significant increase in 2nd year students being deployed over the past 7 days. The Clinical Leadership Teams are working with the regional care home cell to explore opportunities for student deployment.

Mental Health

Children and Young People's Mental Health – Mental Health Support Teams Midlands Programme team are working with local stakeholders to understand impact on the progression of trainees (particularly education mental health practitioners) and to agree individual plans to ensure course completion as soon as is practicable and safe.

IAPT- Midlands programme team are providing workforce input into weekly support calls established by NHSE/I for IAPT service providers and commissioners. Work being re-established on a strategy for sustainable workforce for IAPT services. Education commissions currently being confirmed for 2020/21.

FURTHER INFORMATION

By following @NHS_HealthEdEng you can keep up to date with new information and resources as they are published. Most importantly are the notifications of webinars being broadcast during the week.

Right now, making sure we are communicating properly is obviously incredibly important. If there's any information you think is missing on [HEE's webpages](#), please let us know by submitting your question to the [HEE Q&A helpdesk](#).