



Vale of York
Clinical Commissioning Group



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Practice Nurse Engagement

Welcome to your new look PNE briefing.

Details of training and revalidation, past editions of the bulletin and lots more helpful information are all available on web pages dedicated to our Practice Nurse and Nurse Practitioner colleagues. [Please bookmark these pages](#)

Need to know



Campaign for the Reduction of Opioid Prescribing (CROP)

Many doctors and professional bodies are concerned about rising opioid prescribing in general practice. Much of this prescribing is for chronic non-cancer pain, which is often difficult to treat. There is little evidence for the effectiveness of opioids in chronic pain but accumulating research indicating that the harms of opioids to patients can outweigh benefits. As well as addiction, prescribed opioids are associated with higher risks of hospitalisation, psychosocial problems, and premature death. Additionally, 80% of patients taking opioids will experience at least one adverse effect e.g. constipation, nausea, itching, and dizziness. Therefore, we are undertaking a Campaign for the Reduction of Opioid Prescribing (CROP) across Vale of York CCG member practices to reduce opioid prescribing for chronic pain. The CROP team is working with your practice and CCG to help reduce opioid prescribing and lower the risk of preventable complications by creating reports for practices to review the appropriateness of their opioid prescribing. We encourage practices to keep reviewing their prescribing of opioids. Potential risks should be carefully balanced in relation to patient benefit, and alternatives to opioids should be considered where appropriate.

Yorkshire and North East Allied Health Professions Workforce Briefing: June 2019

Please find through this link the June edition of Health Education England's AHP workforce briefing. This edition includes information about new publications, training and development opportunities and upcoming events.

Training, development and education opportunities

Immunisation and vaccination e-learning refresher

Skills for Health have launched an online update course. In compliance with the National Minimum Standards and Core Curriculum for Immunisation Training, you

should have already completed foundation training in immunisation/vaccination prior to completing this course.

Modules in the course include introduction to UK national immunisation policy, immunology for vaccinators and vaccine preventable diseases. To access the course, please follow this [link](#).

Functional Skills Toolkit for aspiring trainee Nursing Associates

Health Education England have created a toolkit for employers of nursing associates, providing access to a variety of tools for assessment and diagnostics in order to assess learning levels. Once the assessment has been taken, employers will be able to signpost staff to the most appropriate provision and resources to meet their individual learning needs and timescales for progression.

To access the toolkit please follow this [link](#).

Useful information

Nursing associate leadership programme

Health Education England are offering fully funded training for 70 registered nursing associates to become Florence Nightingale Foundation nursing associates.

The leadership programme aims to create a clearer identification of personal leadership style, and create renewed self-reliance to tackle workplace issues. The programme runs across 5 modules and 6 days beginning in November. The deadline for applications is 29 July 2019.

For information please follow this [link](#).

Postgraduate certificate for practitioners with a special interest in dementia

Applications are open for places on this 1 year course hosted by the University of Bradford. The course is open to practitioners from a variety of clinical backgrounds, and aims to enhance skills in assessment and diagnosis of dementia.

For more information please follow this [link](#) or contact D.K.Jones1@bradford.ac.uk

Please note the deadline for applications is 9 August 2019, with the programme starting in September.

Sharing good practice, insight and feedback

YOR-Insight is a soft intelligence tool to provide anonymous insights and feedback about gaps, issues or good practice.

Sharing information provides an excellent opportunity for the CCG to facilitate the sharing of best practice and lessons learned. [Open the YOR-Insight web tool](#).

The CCG are also looking for areas of good practice and shared learning to share with practice nurses across the Vale of York. If you have anything you would like to share please contact sam.varo@nhs.net

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