



Vale of York
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Practice Nurse Engagement

What's in your Practice Nurse Engagement Bulletin?

This bulletin provides details of training, guidance, access to past editions and lots more. There's also helpful information on the web pages dedicated to our practice nursing colleagues. [Please click here to bookmark these pages.](#)

Need to know



Access to Immunisation Training

We have had a query regarding access to immunisation training – particularly as we need to ensure we are ready for the Flu Season. In case you missed it from bulletins

sent direct to practices –below is a summary of how e-learning can be accessed from Wendy Watson, Screening and Immunisation Coordinator. Hopefully this is helpful:

It was announced in [Vaccine Update in 2018](#) (page 6) and regularly in the vaccine fortnightly newsletter that immunisers can access their annual update training via the 'e-learning for Healthcare' website, the training has been written and produced in collaboration from Health Education England and Public Health England, it was launched in March 18. The training covers all of the core standards required for annual update training (available through this [link](#)) Immunisers can still sign up to attend a face-to-face training update if you find one available as well as completing the e-learning.

Website details are below:

[Registering with eLfH](#)
[The Training overview](#)

We have also recently received queries regarding initial training due to lack of face to face courses at the moment and the response has been as below which will be included within the next Vaccine newsletter

Competence assessments developed by the RCN and PHE to support the training and assessment of registered and non-registered health care workers who have a role in immunisation can be found through this [link](#). The competences link to the National Minimum Standards and Core Curriculum for Immunisation Training (PHE, 2018) and the National Minimum Standards and Core Curriculum for Immunisation Training of Healthcare Support Workers (PHE, 2015). These curricula describe the learning outcomes that should be covered by immunisation training courses.

The knowledge component of the assessment states:

1a. Can provide evidence of attendance at a specific, comprehensive immunisation training course (the course should cover all of the topics detailed in the Core Curriculum for Immunisation Training and/or provide evidence of completing an immunisation e-learning programme. (State the name of course/type of training attended.)

Face to face training provides the opportunity to discuss local issues and any recent updates which may not be in the existing guidance, therefore it is important if e learning is used that local issues and any recent changes to the immunisation schedule are identified and discussed as part of the assessment and mentorship

The responsibility for ensuring staff are appropriately trained is that of the employer so they have to ensure that any training the staff undertake reaches the national minimum standards and they have a process for assuring the staff member is competent.

Some practices have devised their own training using the standards and a process of competency and mentorship within practice

Applications Process Open for Multi-Professional Advanced Practitioners

Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, Health Education England placed the recruitment process for Advanced Practitioner applications for 20/21 on hold. This process and the new deadline for applications is the **19 June 2020**. Please ensure you have sent your applications to carly.mcintyre@hey.nhs.uk by this date. Applications that were submitted in March have been logged and do not need to be resubmitted.

- [Application Form](#)
- [ACP Principles](#)
- [University Cohorts](#)

Not all universities are offering a September cohort in 2020. Above is information on which universities will be having cohorts for 20/21.

The panel will now be meeting at the end of June to review applications and hope to inform employers of the outcome in the first week of July.

Functional Skills Offer Introductory Session

Health Education England's Talent for Care team and primary care team have worked together and have commissioned BKSB who provide free online learning tools for functional skills to support access onto other programmes such as Apprenticeships.

They are hosting online session which is aimed at primary care to find out more about the tool, how to use it and to ask questions. Further information can be found through this [link](#).

The session will take place on 9 June from 10:00-11:00, and can be accessed through this [link](#).

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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