



August 2020 Newsletter

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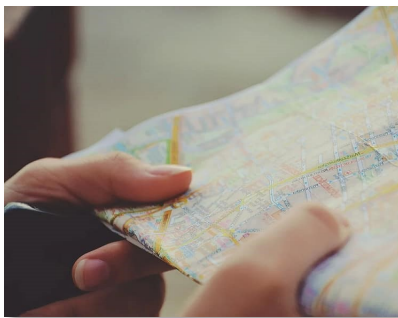
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Placing PA students in primary care

The [University of the West of England \(UWE\)](#) is expanding its physician associate (PA) programme for the next academic year and is looking to place PA students in primary care throughout the programme's duration. [BNSSG Training Hub](#) is collaborating with [UWE](#) to place as many students as possible.

There will be multiple several week-long blocks in 2021 / 22, but the programme will begin this year with a observational / immersive week, commencing **Monday 26 October**.

The daily tariff per PA student placement day is £97.35 in primary care.

On our site ([click here](#)), you can download a quick reference guide on hosting PA students, produced by Alexander Stevens - the PA programme's lead - which provides further detail on the role of a PA student and their requirements.

To express your interest in placing one or more PA students, please use the contact details in the box to the left.

For more information, please send a message expressing your interest to either:

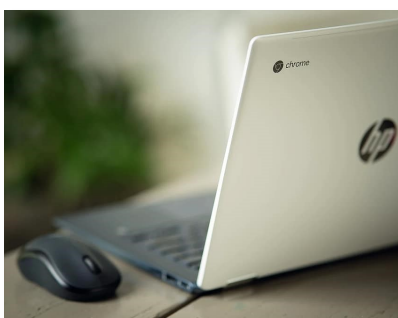
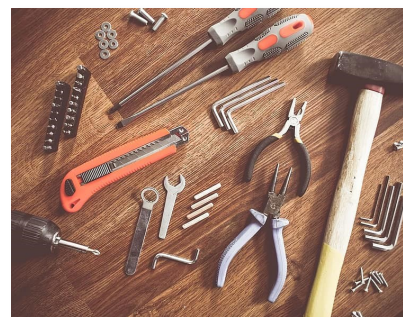
- Our Education Facilitator, at phil.elverd@nhs.net.
- Our Clinical Lead, at holly.hardy@hee.nhs.uk.

PA role summary | Coming soon

Our Administrator, [Jessie Saul](#), and our Associate Director for Workforce Development, [Jason Brooke](#), have been compiling resources for a summary page on the physician associate role.

This page will provide a concise outline of what physician associates can do (in primary care, in particular), how to employ a PA, how to support PAs, and how they relate to DES.

Keep an eye open for this resource on our website.



Pharmacy technician apprenticeship

£32,000 of funding on offer

[HEE South School of Pharmacy](#) have announced funding to support the training of pre-registration pharmacy technicians (PTPTs) in general practice, from **February 2021**. [HEE](#) wish to work with practices to help train up to 30 PTPTs across the South, with GPs as the host employer, so as to enable a new pharmacy technician workforce with primary care experience.

An information webinar about this training is to be held on **Monday 10 August, 2020**, from **11.00 to 12.00**. It will cover how the **£32,000** funding (available per apprentice) can be used, whom is eligible to join the apprenticeship, and more.

There will be an information webinar on **Monday 10 August**, from **11.00 to 12.00**.

For more information, please [click here](#).

To sign up for the webinar, please [click here](#).

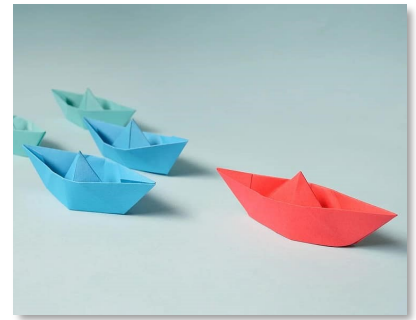
Mental health nursing leadership programme

Florence Nightingale Foundation is collaborating with **HEE** to deliver a leadership programme for 40 mental health nurses. This is an opportunity to join a fully-funded bespoke leadership course, open to all nurses working in the field of mental health either within the **NHS** or in **NHS**-commissioned services across England.

The programme will provide candidates with:

- A clear understanding of their personal leadership style, with a critical awareness of blind spots and weaknesses
- Greater self-confidence
- An understanding of how to adapt to and lead change
- Improved personal resilience
- And more...

Applications must be in by **Friday 14 August, 2020**, and as noted above, there are only 40 places – apply soon to avoid disappointment!



To learn more about this course, and to apply to join, please [click here](#).



Have your say on:

Primary Care & General Practice Nursing Career & Core Capabilities Framework

A draft of the **Primary Care & General Practice Nursing Career & Core Capabilities Framework** is now available, and **Skills for Health** is inviting you to review it and offer feedback via an online survey.

A copy of the draft framework, and the consultation survey, can both be accessed at **Skills for Health's**. The survey concludes **16.00** on **Friday 7 August, 2020**.

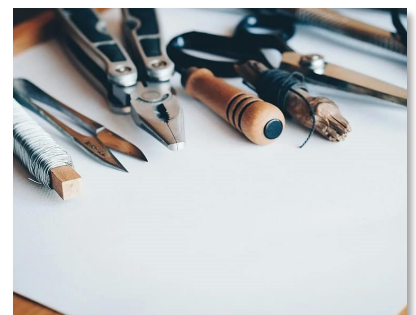
This framework will support **Health Education England** in achieving the aims of the ten-point action plan, by supplying a clear baseline on the scope of practice for nurses in general practice and primary care settings. Opportunities will be provided for all nurses, at all levels, including the nursing associate, mental health nurse, and learning disability nurse.

To access the survey, on **Skills for Health's** site, please [click here](#).

GPN toolkit | Coming soon

In addition to the PA role summary page (on page 2), **BNSSG Training Hub** is also constructing a GPN toolkit, with assistance from **Liz Mallett**, **CCG** Lead Locality General Practice Nurse, for use from our website.

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GPN toolkit | Coming soon

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This resource will provide general practice nurses with links to useful materials on a range of topics (including infection prevention control), as well as to current opportunities suited specifically for nurses.

Keep watching our site for this resource.



To register your interest in joining this scheme, please [click here](#).

Video Group Clinics training

NHS England & Improvement have announced a second phase of their **Video Group Clinic (VGC)** training, and are seeking to recruit Sentinel practices for it this **August**. The South West has been allocated 41 places.

VGCs allow clinicians to undertake clinical reviews in a supportive, virtual environment. They not only help to improve clinician efficiency, but also to tackle loneliness amongst people with chronic health issues who are self-isolating or in shielding.

The training is entirely free, delivered by the **ELC Programme**, and to be offered on a first-come, first-serve basis – sign up as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Applications must in be **17.00** on **Wednesday 19 August, 2020**.

A historical fact

Harold Moody, arrived in **Bristol** from **Jamaica** in **1904**, determined to become a doctor. He graduated in **1912**, and following rejections - on account of his race - from King's College Hospital and the Camberwell Board of Guardians, Harold established a private practice in **Peckham**.

His position made him a champion for Black people in the **1920s** and **30s**. With momentum building behind him, **Harold** formed one of twentieth-century Britain's first anti-racism campaigns, the **League of Coloured Peoples**, in **1931**.



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