



**BNSSG**  
Training Hub



**Wednesday 17 April 2024**



# **Training Hub Headlines**

This monthly **newsletter** features plenty of available resources and upcoming events. Please do **share** with **colleagues**!

Scheduled date for **next release**:  
**Wednesday 15 May 2024**



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# The Training Hub's Teams Profession Forums

For Primary Care Staff

Want to **keep in touch** with **other members** of your profession group from **across BNSSG**?

**Don't** want to **miss** any **updates** on **training and support** available to **you** and **your colleagues**?

**Why not join one** (or **more**) of our **Microsoft Teams Profession Forums**?

Click the **buttons below** to **request access** to the **forums** you're interested in  
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# Employing an FCP

For FCPs and Practice Management staff

Understanding **First Contact Practitioners (FCPs)** educational pathways & supervision requirements

**Allied Health Professionals (AHPs)** employed as **FCPs** are **Physiotherapists, Paramedics, Occupational Therapists, Dieticians** and **Podiatrists**. A First Contact Practitioner (FCP) is a diagnostic AHP working in Primary Care at a Masters Level (L7) and has at least **5 years** post-graduate experience. They work with undifferentiated/undiagnosed presentations and with uncertainty.

All additional roles in **Primary Care** require varying supervision including **Network DES Contract ARRS Annex B**, the **CQC myth buster** and **NHSE guidance**. FCPs should complete the Roadmap to practice as per the DES ARRS Annex B and the CQC Myth buster. They can enrol on a **nationally accredited program**, including a Taught Route or a Supported e-portfolio route. FCPs apply to universities with funded FCP places which cover stage 1 & 2 of the FCP Roadmap.

Portfolio routes and taught routes include support from Universities, cover stage 1 & 2 of the Roadmap and both require a local supervisor.



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# BNSSG ICS EDI Network Updates for April

For all healthcare professionals

"Have a **lovely April** from the **EDI Project Team**"

The **BNSSG ICS Equality, Diversity, & Inclusion (EDI) Project Team** have released their latest **Staff Network updates** bulletin. This copy features a range of personal development opportunities, job vacancies, training opportunities, **upcoming events**, and more.

One of the **events** highlighted is the **Edward Jenner Programme**.

This is your first port of call if you're looking to build a strong foundation of **leadership skills** that can help enhance your **confidence** and **competence** in your role. The programme has been designed to offer flexibility as a suite of online short courses. This course is ideal for you if you are from any clinical or non-clinical background, a newly-qualified clinician, new to/returning to a clinical role, aspiring to a leadership or management role and a healthcare professional student or trainee.



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# Greener Practice

## Bristol & Bath Newsletter

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For **Primary Care Staff**

The **latest climate news, projects, and opportunities**

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**Greener Practice Bristol & Bath** have released their **April newsletter**, featuring an assortment of opportunities, online and face-to-face meetings, talks, and conferences, national news, and best practice guidance regarding the **Green Impact for Health Toolkit**.

**Greener Practice Bristol & Bath meeting** | Tuesday **30th April**

The next meeting will focus on the 'Travel & Exercise' and 'Food & Drink' sections of the toolkit and how to help your practice complete them.

To join the meeting, please [click here](#).

If you have any questions, or would like to join **Greener Practice**, please contact [greenerpracticebristol@gmail.com](mailto:greenerpracticebristol@gmail.com).



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# NHS England Primary Care Bulletin

For Primary Care Staff

The **latest news, projects, and opportunities**

**NHS England Primary Care** have released their **April newsletter**, featuring an assortment of opportunities, online and face-to-face meetings, talks, and conferences, and national news.

**Care navigation digital e-learning is now available to access via the learning platform Care Navigation Connect** is the free dedicated space for general practice staff who want to learn more about care navigation. **Foundation and advanced levels are available** to support staff to **effectively implement care navigation in their service**. This follows care navigation training offered through Primary Care Access Recovery Programme in 2023/24. The platform also hosts a **community of practice and a selection of resources** to help general practice and primary care network staff to improve their knowledge and embed care navigation to ensure patients get the right care at the right time.



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# GPs Urge Policy Makers To Invest In Green Space To Reduce NHS Pressure

For all Staff



**77%**  
**OF GPs**  
**BELIEVE MORE TREES**  
**COULD HELP REDUCE**  
**THE FINANCIAL**  
**BURDEN ON THE NHS**

**45% OF DOCTORS**  
**HAVE SEEN A RISE IN**  
**PATIENTS REPORTING**  
**CLIMATE ANXIETY IN THE**  
**PAST 12 MONTHS**



**45%**





# Principles of Primary Care (CPD) Course

For all **Allied Health Professionals & Primary Care Staff**

Provided by the **Faculty of Health** and **Life Sciences, University of Exeter**

**Public Health** and **Primary Care** provide the foundation for successfully managed healthcare for populations across the world from birth through to old age. Primary Care is ‘the most efficient form of care and the chosen way to deliver health for all’ (World Health Organisation), but sometimes there is a lack of understanding about its core principles and the evidence behind its effectiveness. Learning about these **key principles** will contribute to practitioners’ **knowledge** and **confidence** in this specialisation. For policymakers, it may demystify some of the publicity around primary care and general practice.

This **one-day** course provides a unique insight into **practical solutions** to some of the challenges faced every day across Primary Care and can help health professionals to make a meaningful impact in their communities – whether based in the UK or in other countries. We will explore the **core concepts** of both primary care and its crossover into public health, providing an **integrated perspective**. Participants will be offered a toolkit of practical skills enabling them to apply the learning in practice.

The available date is Tuesday **14 May**, either via Zoom or [St Lukes Campus, University of Exeter](#).

**Register Interest**



# BSSG Paeds Pod

For Primary Care Paediatrics Staff

Join **Dr. Ruth Bowen** for our **new BSSG Paeds Pod**

The **BSSG Paeds Pod** is hosted by **Dr. Ruth Bowen** (**Children & Young People (CYP) GP Fellow**) - this monthly podcast will see Ruth interviewing **local specialists** on a **range of topics** relevant to **Primary Care Paediatrics**.

Episodes will be released monthly, with the **tenth full episode** out now. This episode focuses on the complex topic of **Children and Young People Health Inequalities** with **Helen Tapson** (South Gloucestershire Public Health Consultant and Lead for health inequalities in CYP) as the interviewee.

The content of this podcast is aimed at BSSG primary care clinicians and will therefore feature references to local referral pathways; the majority of the content covered will be based on national guidelines, however, and applicable nationally.



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For Primary Care Paediatrics Staff

## Latest and upcoming BNSSG Paeds Pod Episodes

### **CYP Health Inequalities** (released 16th April)

"We are all in the same storm but we are not all in the same boat". What local and national projects are striving to tackle health inequalities in Children and Young People? What part do we play in Primary Care? South Gloucestershire Public Health consultant **Helen Tapson** guides us through the **challenging topic of CYP health inequalities**: highlighting exciting current national and local projects and using cases to explore **practical tips and resources** to empower us in Primary Care.

### **Cows Milk Protein Allergy** (releasing on 16th May)

Confused by milk-related disorders in infants? Not sure when to trial dairy-free diets or what to prescribe? **Nick Sargent** (Paediatric Allergy Consultant) explores this confusing and **commonly misdiagnosed topic** and brings the **guidelines** to life.

Also watch this space for '**Chronic Headaches in Children**' and '**Paediatric Top Tips and Myths**'.



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# NHS Pension Newsletter

For all Staff

"Have a **lovely April** from the **NHS Pensions Team**"

The **NHS Pensions Team** have released their latest Staff Newsletter. This copy features a range of personal development opportunities, training opportunities, upcoming events, and more.

A **training opportunity is available:**

**NHS Pensions GP Practice Manager Training | 21 March - 30 November, 2024**

The next GP practice manager CPD accredited events include educational training tailored for practice managers, delivered virtually via Microsoft Teams:

**Level 1:** Information on the NHS Pension Scheme website, Annual Benefit Statements, roles and responsibilities, Pensions Online (POL), the AW8 and the member journey

**Level 2:** Roles and responsibilities, flexible retirement, leave overview, ill health, and family benefits.

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# Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training

For all Staff

Can you **host** an **Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training Tier 2** session?

Our team are looking for venues to deliver the full day **Tier 2 Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training** in **Learning Disabilities** and **Autism** to health and care staff across the **Bristol, North Somerset** and **South Gloucestershire** region.

We need:

- Space for 40 delegates with tables (cabaret style)
- Good public transport access
- Tea and coffee onsite
- A whiteboard projector and flipchart
- Access from 8:30AM - 05:30PM

As a thank you for offering us your space, we can offer a protected number of training spaces.

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# Six-Step Health & Well-being Toolkit

For Primary Care Staff

Provided by **BNSSG ICB** and **One Care**

This six-step evidence-based toolkit will help organisational leaders to create a **positive workplace culture**, in which **staff health** and **well-being** are explicitly promoted. It has been developed by **BNSSG ICB** and **One Care**, with condensed content from multiple guides.

**Anyone interested** in boosting the **health** and **well-being** of their **primary care workforce** should find this a helpful resource; but **general practice leaders** working towards the **QOF QI health** and **well-being module**, and associated points, should find it **especially useful**.



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# University of Bath MPharm Undergraduate Placements 2023 - 24

For Pharmacy and Practice Management Staff

## Providing **students experience** in **general practice**

**University of Bath's MPharm programme** provides students additional experience in clinical settings, to better prepare them for undertaking prescribing training in their **Foundation Training** year in 2025.

The **2023 - 24** programme began last **October** and offered a number of placements in **general practice** settings. To be able to provide more, the university is working with NHS England (NHSE), pharmacy workforce leads, and the Universities of Reading and Portsmouth to increase capacity and capability in the system. They are also looking for **practice surgeries** to **host placements**.

To this end, if your practice is willing to support this work, please contact the University of Bath's **Director of Practice Based Learning, Lyn Hanning**, as soon as you can.

Here are a few key points about the **MPharm programme**:

- **Clinical tariff** will be **paid by NHSE** to support placements
- **University of Bath** will provide **accommodation** and **travel subsistence**
- The **feedback** from **last year's** GP placements was **very positive** -- **over 95%** of students felt better informed of their future path.

For more information and connect with Lyn, please contact  
[pa-placements@bath.ac.uk](mailto:pa-placements@bath.ac.uk).



**Contact Lyn**



# BNSSG Primary Care **Good News**

For **Primary Care Staff**

**BNSSG Training Hub** are pleased to announce the first episode of **BNSSG Good News** has been released. We hope you have enjoyed the first episode of BNSSG Good News. To view the first episode, please [click here](#).

If you would like to share your **BNSSG Primary Care** based, good news with us, please [click here](#).

For further information about Open Minds Active, please [click here](#).



If you have **any questions** or **concerns**, please contact [bnssg.training.hub@nhs.net](mailto:bnssg.training.hub@nhs.net).



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# BNSSG Primary Care **Good News**

For **Primary Care Staff**

## Would you like to **share** some **Good News**?

Do you work in **BNSSG primary care**? Do you and your team have an **accomplishment** you're **proud of**?

Led by **Dr. Irorho Mousah (GP Retention Fellow)**, BNSSG Training Hub is keen to **raise awareness** of the **fantastic work** being carried out in **primary care**, whether it's in a GP surgery or otherwise. If you have some news you want to share, complete our form; tell us **how** it's **impacted** your **team** and / or your **patient population**, and we can circulate the story on your behalf.

We'll be in touch to confirm we've received your **Good News**, and to ask any follow-up questions.

If you have **any questions** or **concerns**, please contact  
[bnssg.training.hub@nhs.net](mailto:bnssg.training.hub@nhs.net).



**Share Good News**



# GP Late Career Support Group



For Late Career GPs

Peer support group for last 5 GPs

We are a group of GPs meeting in the evening in central Bristol for **informal mutual discussion about the demands of NHS primary care** and how we each respond. We have also had speakers on **financial planning, personal wellbeing** and have even had a **'walk and talk'** session with another planned for July this year. If you are interested in joining this group please get in contact with us. We meet every 2-3 months.

The **next event** is Tuesday 7th May at HOURS, 10 Colston Yard, Bristol and will be an interactive speaker led session on **managing change in our lives**. [See the flyer by clicking here.](#)

Please join the mailing list by clicking on the link below, or contact us at:

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**Cordelia Feuchtwang** [cordelia.feuchtwang@nhs.net](mailto:cordelia.feuchtwang@nhs.net)



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# Menopause Webinars

For all Primary Care Clinicians in BNSSG

Date(s):

Wed **24 April**  
Tues **21 May**

Time(s):

**13:00 - 14:00**

Format:

**Virtually**

Speakers:

- **Dr Sam Morgan**
- **Dr Harriet Delap**
- **Sharon Hartmann** (Specialist Nurse)

Organised by **Dr Sam Morgan** and **BNSSG Training Hub** these sessions will help to support the development of attendees' **knowledge** and **skills**.

This session will cover:

- An **overview** of **Menopause**
- **HRT troubleshooting**
- **Premature Ovarian Insufficiency**
- And much more.



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# BNSSG Cancer Lead GP Forum

For Primary Care Clinicians

Date(s):

Thursday **25 April**

Time(s):

**12:45 - 13:45**

Format:

**Virtually** on **Microsoft Teams**

Speaker(s):

- **Zoe Walker** (Macmillan Radiographer at BHOC Late Effect Service)

This is the next FREE BNSSG Cancer Lead GP Forum, to be chaired once again by **Dr. Glenda Beard**.

The content for this event is still being finalised, please stand-by for further information.



**Register Interest**





# BNSSG ICB 'Inclusive Research' Seminar

For Primary Care Staff

Date(s):

Monday **29 April**

Time(s):

**15:00 - 16:00**

Format:

**Virtually**

Speaker(s):

- **Dr Jenny Scott** (University of Bristol)
- **Ghislaine Swinburn** (The Wellspring Surgery)
- **Dr Sahdia Parveen** (University of Bradford)
- **Dr Ilhem Berrou** (University of the West of England, Bristol)

This FREE forum represents an opportunity to support development of attendees' **knowledge** and **skills**.

This session will cover:

- Exploring a novel approach to reducing **health inequalities** in people who use **drugs**
- **Nutritional assessment** of the **homeless population**
- **Implementation** and **evaluation** of the **ADAPT toolkit**
- How do **community-based health interventions**, delivered by Caafi Health, mitigate the **impact** of digital **exclusion** on the health of people from **minority ethnic groups**



**Register Interest**



# NHS E People and Communities Online Learning Programme

For all staff engaging with community

Date(s):

**Various dates**

Time(s):

**Various times**

Format:

**Virtually**

## **Working with and supporting PPV Partners – Your Q&As**

29 April 15:00-16:00  
27 May 15:00-16:00  
24 June 15:00-16:00

## **PPV Partner ‘drop in’**

30 April 9:30-11:00  
28 May 9:30-11:00  
25 June 9:30-11:00

These sessions are about **working in partnership with people and communities** and include a mix of webinars and workshops, hosted by the **NHS England Public Participation team**. The sessions are aimed at colleagues working in or with NHS organisations in engagement activity with people and communities - some sessions are aimed at people who are newer to working with people and communities, helping them to **build their knowledge and their toolkit of resources and ideas**. Some sessions are aimed at more experienced engagement practitioners, helping them further **explore good practice and innovative approaches**.



**Register Interest**



# Sirona Care & Health Diversi-TEA event

For all community staff

Date(s):

Wednesday **1 May**

Time(s):

**Morning event 10:00 - 12:00**  
**Afternoon event 13:00 - 15:00**

Format:

**Face to face: City Hall, College Green, Bristol**

Speaker(s):

- Drop in event

Meet and **talk with us about race** and **how it effects your experiences in community healthcare.**

Welcome to our first Diversi-Tea event, open to all Sirona colleagues and our community partners.

Highlighting our commitment in Sirona to promoting and delivering effective EDI practice in the workplace.

**No need to book, just drop in** to either the morning or afternoon session! Refreshments provided.



**Contact for queries**



## **BNSSG Late-Career GP Peer Support Group: 'Living through change -how to comfortably transition from active work-life to retirement'**

**For Last 5 GPs**

**Date(s):**

Tuesday **7 May**

**Time(s):**

**19.00 - 21.00**

**Format:**

**Face-to-face at  
HOURS 10 Colston Yard  
(BS1 5BD)**

**Speaker(s):**

- **Sari Vanska**

Are you a **late-career GP** with **financial questions**, perhaps about the **NHS pension scheme**?

If so, this **FREE** session is for you. This second meeting of the **BNSSG Late-Career GP Peer Support Group** will provide financial guidance and support, and serve as an opportunity to:

- Forge new **friendships** and **connections**
- Share **knowledge**
- Support each others' **well-being**



**Register Interest**



# Lynch Syndrome and Aspirin Webinar

For GPs and Practice/PCN Pharmacists

Date(s):

Thursday **9 May**

Time(s):

**13:00 - 14:00**

Format:

**Virtually on Microsoft Teams**

Speaker(s):

- **Frank McDermott (South West Deputy Clinical Director, GMS)**

This is a webinar on **Lynch Syndrome and Aspirin** for Medicines Optimisation & PCN pharmacists and primary care clinicians on **aspirin prescribing for Lynch Syndrome people**.

Speakers include Frank McDermott (South West Deputy Clinical Director, GMS).

The session is especially relevant for **GPs and Practice/PCN Pharmacists**.



**Register Interest**





# ICON Sessions

## For Primary Care Staff

Date(s):

Tues **14 May**  
Weds **17 July**  
Thurs **19 Sep**  
Tues **12 Nov**

Time(s):

**Various times**

Format:

**Virtually**

Speakers:

- **See further details in the read more section**

This FREE, virtual training will support development of attendees' **knowledge** and **skills**.

**ICON** is an evidenced based programme aimed at preventing **abusive head trauma injuries** to babies caused by **shaking**.



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# 'Developmental Delay' CYP EduForum

For Primary Care Clinicians

Date(s):

Tuesday **14 May**

Time(s):

**12:45 - 13:45**

Format(s):

**Virtually**

Speaker(s):

- **Charlotte Loh** (Paediatric Neurodisability ST7)

This FREE forum represents an opportunity to share learning between **BNSSG Primary Care** and the **Bristol Royal Hospital for Children**, to support development of attendees' **knowledge** and **skills**.

The information for this event is being finalised. Please stand-by for further information.

Further topics will be covered in future CYP EduForum sessions held virtually from 12.45 - 13.45 on Tuesdays monthly.



**Register Interest**



# Level 2 Repeat Prescriptions Training

For all Prescription Clerks in BNSSG

Date(s):

**Second cohort:**  
Weds **15 May** / Weds **22 May**

Time(s):

**14:00 - 16:00**

Format:

**Virtually** on **Microsoft Teams**

Speakers:

- **Mandy Hodges** (Pharmacy Technician, HealthWest PCN)

This FREE, virtual training is intended to support prescription clerks in attaining a **Level 2** understanding of **generating repeat prescriptions**.

Two sessions are available, covering **Levels 1** and **2** respectively. For more information on what these sessions will cover, please click **Register Here** below.



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# South West Axial Spondyloarthritis Group webinar

For Primary Care staff

Date(s):

Wednesday **22 May**

Time(s):

**13:00 - 13:45**

Format:

**Virtually** on Microsoft Teams

Speaker(s):

- **Dr Tom Williams** (RUH)
- **Dr Imogen Taylor** (UHBW)

**SWAG** is a collaboration between rheumatology teams at Great Western Hospital (Swindon), Royal United Hospital (Bath), Torbay Hospital, North Bristol and Bristol Royal Infirmary/Weston super Mare NHS Trusts.

The average time to **diagnosis of axial spondyloarthritis (axial SpA) in the UK is eight years - we can do better**. SWAG aim to improve the recognition and referrals for suspected axial SpA. Join us for this important update on **what to ask and how to refer**.

Aspiring to  
**Excellence**   
Driving improvements in axial SpA care

SOUTH WEST  
**SWAG**  
AXIAL SPONDYLOARTHRITIS  
GROUP 



**Register Interest**





# South West Respiratory Conference

For Primary Care Clinicians & Managers

Date(s):

Thursday **23 May**

Time(s):

**9:00 - 16:30**

Format(s):

**Face to face: Engineers House,  
Bristol BS8 3NB**

Speaker(s):

- **SW Clinical Network Team**

The **SW Respiratory Clinical Network** invites you to attend a conference aimed at **colleagues involved in respiratory system change** and development within ICBs, **along with colleagues from Primary, Community and Secondary Care who are helping develop services** – this may also be relevant to partner organisations (Health Innovation Networks, third sector).

The agenda can be downloaded from the link below and includes details about the day's timings and workshops.



**[Register Interest](#)**





# BNSSG ICB 'Living with Chronic Pain after Cancer Treatment' Seminar



For Primary Care Staff

Date(s):

Thursday **13 June**

Time(s):

**12:00 - 13:00**

Format(s):

**Virtually**

Speaker(s):

- **Dr Julie Armoogum** (Macmillan Senior Lecturer, School of Health and Social Wellbeing and Researcher, University of the West of England)

The Research team at **Bristol, North Somerset** and **South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board (BNSSG ICB)** welcome you to a special seminar introducing our latest **Launching Fellow, Dr Julie Armoogum**.

This FREE forum represents an opportunity to support development of attendees' **knowledge** and **skills**.

This session will cover:

- **Chronic pain** after **cancer treatment**
- **Treatment options**
- And much more...



**Register Interest**



# 'Infant MSK' CYP EduForum

For Primary Care Clinicians



Date(s):

Tuesday **18 June**

Time(s):

**12.45 - 13.45**

Format(s):

**Virtually**

Speaker(s):

- **Gemma Tebutt**

This FREE forum represents an opportunity to share learning between **BNSSG Primary Care** and the **Bristol Royal Hospital for Children**, to support development of attendees' **knowledge** and **skills**.

The information for this event is being finalised. Please stand-by for further information.

Further topics will be covered in future CYP EduForum sessions held virtually from 12.45 - 13.45 on Tuesdays monthly.



**Register Interest**



# Portfolio Careers Event for Primary Care Clinicians



For Primary Care Clinicians & Managers

Date(s):

Wednesday **3 July**

Time(s):

**8:45 - 14:45**

Format(s):

Face-to-face: [BAWA Leisure \(BS34 7RG\)](#)

Speaker(s):

- **TBD**

Organised by **BNSSG Training Hub**, this FREE, interactive half-day session will feature inspirational local **Primary Care Clinicians** sharing their portfolio career experiences and providing advice on building your own portfolio career! It will include information on portfolio careers in **teaching**, **research**, **leadership**, **management**, working in **special settings** and **clinical special interests**. The event will end with a free networking lunch.



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# 'ENT' CYP EduForum

For Primary Care Clinicians

Date(s):

Tuesday **20 August**

Time(s):

**12.45 - 13.45**

Format(s):

**Virtually**

Speaker(s):

- **Michael Saunders**

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