



BNSSG
Training Hub

Wednesday, 30th April 2025

Training Hub Headlines

This monthly **newsletter** features resources and upcoming events from the **BNSSG Training Hub** and partners.

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Upcoming events

May

15th May 2025
12.45-14.00

GP Cancer Lead Forum

Online

June

5th June 2025
13.00-14.00

Examining a cervix - what to look for

Online

12th June 2025
9.30-12.30

Consultation skills in Women's Health

Avon LMC

18th June 2025
9.00-17.00

Raring to Return - GP Refresher

BAWA

New series - save the date

Dermoscope Education Training

**Thursday, 4th
September 2025**

Dermoscopy for Beginners - Part 1

Online

**Thursday, 2nd
October 2025**

Dermoscopy for Beginners - Part 2

Online

**Thursday, 6th
November 2025**

Dermoscopy for Not-So-Beginners

Online

For all enquiries and to be added to the pre-registration list please contact:
Vicki Staatz BNSSG ICB Senior Primary Care Cancer Facilitator (Early Diagnosis):
Vicki.staatz@nhs.net



BNSSG Paeds Pod

For Primary Care Paediatrics Staff

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

This our podcast finale - released on Wednesday, 16th April - **Neky Sargant** shares her 'top tips' for assessing and managing **eating disorders** in Children and Young People in Primary Care. She highlights key guideline changes with the 2023 MEED guidelines and guides us through an effective assessment of potential eating disorders, safe management plans and appropriate onward referral pathways.

With this being our final episode, we would like to thank you all for your enthusiastic involvement with the BCYP EduForums - your continued participation has been instrumental to their success. You can access all our podcast episodes whenever you need via the link below.

**FINAL
EPISODE!**



Listen Now

BNSSG Primary Care **Good News**

For **Primary Care Staff**

BNSSG Training Hub are pleased to share the seventh episode of **BNSSG Good News**.

In this month's video, we look at the role of an educational supervisor in primary care and meet some of the team at the first Learning Organisation in BNSSG.

[Click here to share your good news with us!](#)



[**Watch here**](#)

Raring to Return

GP Refresher

Date

**Wednesday, 18th
June**

Time

9.00-17.00

Location

**BAWA Health &
Leisure Club**

Are you currently on a period of leave from working as a GP? Coming to the end of your parental leave? Sabbatical finishing soon? Ready to come back after a stretch of sick leave? If so - are you feeling a little daunted at the prospect? You're not alone...but we are here to help!

This whole day, in person, free to attend event from the BNSSG Training Hub GP Retention Team will help improve your confidence and have you ready to get back to work and hit the ground running.



[Sign up here](#)

All Age Safeguarding Conference

BNSSG ICB Safeguarding Conference

Date

**Wednesday, 4th
June**

Time

9.00-17.00

Location

**BAWA Health &
Leisure Club**

The BNSSG Safeguarding Team invites you to the All Age Safeguarding Conference.

This is a valuable opportunity to hear from expert speakers, take part in practical workshops, and connect with colleagues across sectors – all with a focus on safeguarding people of all ages. Lunch is provided, and spaces are limited, so early registration is encouraged.

Please register by 14th May to secure your place.



[Sign up here](#)

BNSSG Women's Health Public Information Hub

WellAware Resources

We're pleased to share that our **new Women's Health resource** is now live on **the WellAware website**. It brings together trusted information and signposts to services across Bristol, South Gloucestershire & BNSSG.

The page includes translated materials in several community languages and BSL, and has been co-developed with public contributors, VCSE partners, and local clinicians. It's designed to be clear and simple, with a limited number of links to avoid overwhelming users. We're working with the WellAware team to keep content accurate and up to date.

Please note: WellAware currently covers Bristol and South Glos, but much of the content is BNSSG-wide or general in nature. Access it directly at: www.wellaware.org.uk/womens-health-resources.

Safeguarding training for primary care

BNSSG ICB

The BNSSG ICB Safeguarding Team have put together a wide training offer to primary care. Included are:

- **Safeguarding Supervision webinars** - Open to all to bring cases and queries for peer discussion and support
- **GP Link meetings** - Local updates, topic based presentations and peer support for Safeguarding Lead GPs
- **Bitesize webinars** - Open to all to discuss topics selected from local statutory review learning themes and outcomes
- **Level 3 Training - 'Local Update'** - Open to all to discuss topics selected from local statutory review learning themes and outcomes
- **All-Age Level 3 Safeguarding Conference**



[Find out more here](#)

Wellbeing in GP Appraisals

BNSSG Training Hub and NHS England

BNSSG Training Hub and NHS England are expanding a successful Devon pilot to better support GP wellbeing through the appraisal process.

Appraisers have been trained to hold sensitive, supportive wellbeing conversations and can now signpost GPs to new services including professional coaching, mindfulness training, peer support groups, and GP mentor discussions. These options complement existing services and aim to help GPs prioritise their own wellbeing amid increasing pressures.

Please speak to your appraiser if you'd like to access support.



[Read more](#)

BNSSG GP Nurse Retention Survey

Survey results headlines and next steps

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our recent BNSSG-wide survey on nurse retention and education. We received responses from every PCN, giving us a clear view of the challenges and opportunities across primary care nursing.

The survey results highlight crucial areas for improvement in nurse retention and job satisfaction within BNSSG. Practice managers and employers can use this data to enhance working conditions and support the nursing workforce more effectively.

Based on GPN feedback, the Training Hub GPN Retention and Education Leads are focusing on five priority areas: Wellbeing, Education & CPD, Terms & Conditions, Mid-Late Career Planning, and Communication. Please contact Carly Hemmings and Kate Stratton: BNSSG.th-gpn-retention@nhs.net with any queries.



Results here

BNSSG Training Hub General Practice Survey Results

Earlier this year, we asked colleagues across general practice in Bristol, North Somerset, and South Gloucestershire to share their views as part of the BNSSG Training Hub's three-year review.

Not everyone had time to respond — but whether you shared feedback or not, we want to show how your experiences, input, and needs are shaping the future of our work.

In the following slides, we'll share:

- A snapshot of who responded and how they've engaged with us,
- What's worked well,
- What we've been asked to improve,
- And what we're already doing to make those changes.

Our aim? To continue supporting you — and the future of general practice — into 2025/26 and beyond.

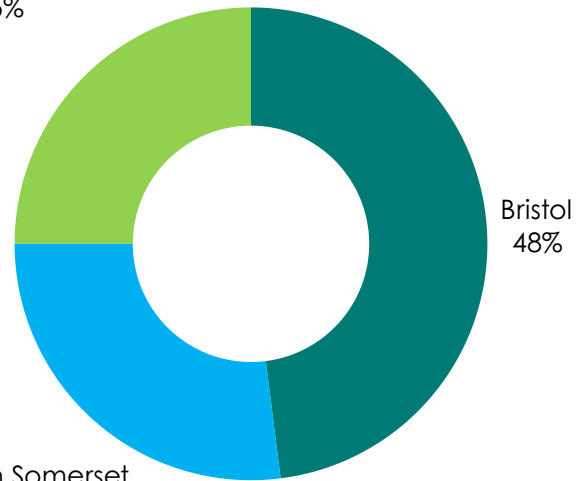


Who Took Part

Respondents by area

Percentage of respondents by locality area in BNSSG.

South Gloucestershire
25%



North Somerset
27%

Bristol
48%

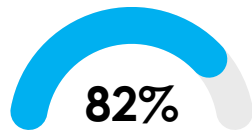
Who we heard from:

- We received responses from across BNSSG.
- Representation from all three localities ensures your feedback reflects diverse primary care experiences.
- Thank you for taking the time to contribute.

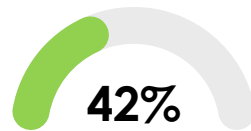
What You Use

BNSSG Training Hub activities and resources

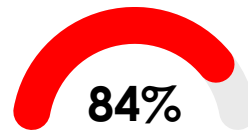
How our respondents engaged with our activities and resources - by percentage



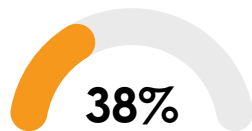
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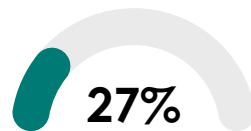
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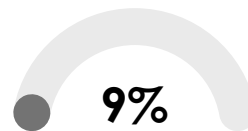
Training events



Fellows engagement



Workforce support



Other

How you engaged with us:

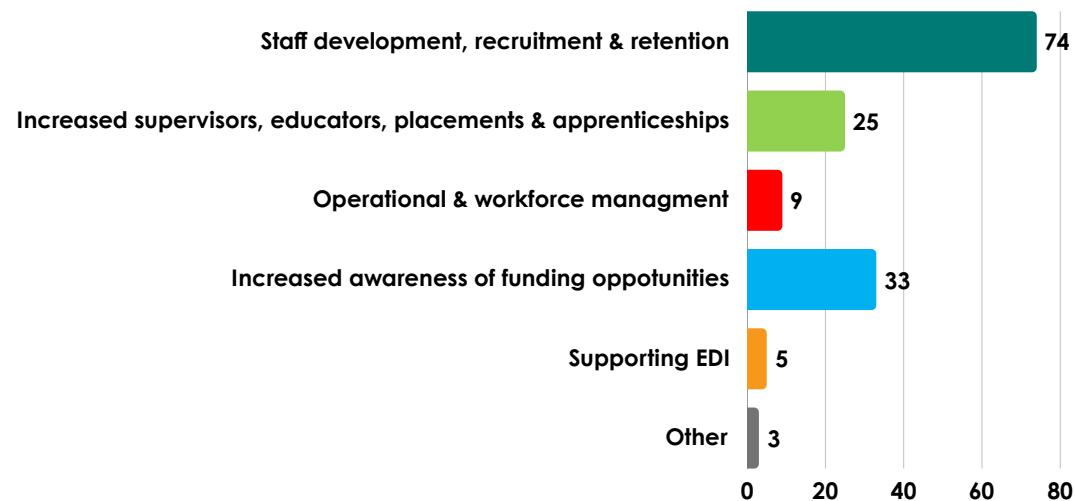
- 74 people shared how they used our activities to improve their practice.
- 82% of respondents accessed training events.
- Many used our support to drive staff development, recruitment, and retention.



How We Helped

Improving your practice

How have you used our activities and resources to drive change and improvement in your practice?



What we helped achieve:

- Strongest impact reported in staff development, recruitment, and retention.
- Increased awareness of placements, educators, and apprenticeships.
- Several respondents used our work to drive Equality, Diversity & Inclusion efforts.



You Said...

Our areas to improve

How can we further improve our relationship and your experience with us going forward?

Clearer communications

More user-friendly website

Greater social media presence

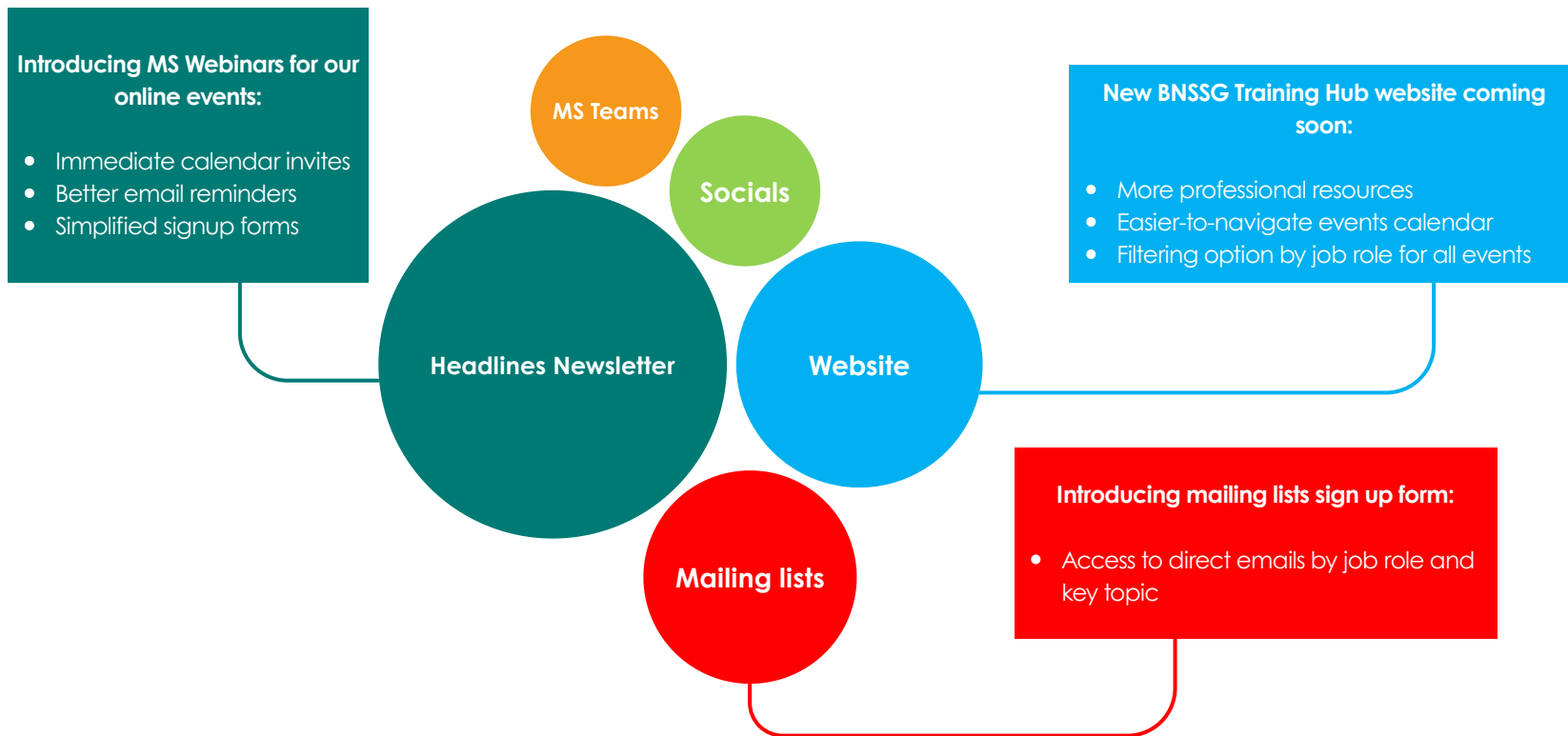
What you told us

- Communications need to be clearer and more streamlined.
- Website could be easier to navigate.
- Preference for more direct contact and job-role-specific updates.




Changes we're making


Changes we are making - Communication Channels and Upcoming Improvements



Our Commitment



This has been a great source of support for me as not only a newly qualified nurse but also being new to primary care. All the available training has had a huge impact on my level of practice in just a short period of time. Having a point of contact supervisor that has experience and is approachable has been a bonus in my new environment.



Looking ahead, our commitment to general practice

- We remain committed to championing general practice.
- We'll continue delivering education, workforce support, and transformation across BNSSG.
- Thank you for shaping our future with us.

BNSSG Training Hub MS Teams Professional Forums

For Primary Care Staff

**Want to keep in touch with other members of your professional group?
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
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact bnssg.training.hub@nhs.net.

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