

Cheshire & Merseyside Training Hub

Newsletter



PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN ASSOCIATES ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023

Would you like to engage in a 'Physician Associate workforce half day' event supporting PCNs, PAs & GP leaders with recruitment, retention and development of this rapidly expanding medical workforce in Primary Care, as we enter a golden age of workforce funding for PAs.

Join us on Thursday 8th, June for our Employer Day at Keele Hall.

- 'A Day in the Life of a PA in Primary Care' : Hear first-hand experiences of newly qualified PAs, mid career PAs & PA partners in General Practice
- Expert Panel – Why invest in Physician Associates?
- HEE MAPs Team: PA Apprenticeships update
- Innovative Frailty Models delivered by PAs
- Staffordshire PA Internship Team: PA recruitment & retention "Master Class" (Including funding update)

Buffet Lunch included. To book your place, visit [HERE](#)

If you have any questions or queries, please email: Andrea Foster at andrea@howbeckhealthcare.co.uk



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Cheshire & Merseyside Training Hub E-Bulletin

The newsletters will include an E-Bulletin to send you every 2 weeks of key updates of all current information from Cheshire & Merseyside Training Hub. It is our hope this replaces the emails that do come your way and becomes that reference point.



Library Services

We said we would add a section to our website relating to Library Services and the link [HERE](#) has everything we need. It's great for everyone however especially useful for anyone working in general practice. Particularly good for those studying and needing Library support and also for those looking for (BMJ best practice) evidence based and peer reviewed material. A great learning space for all!

Cheshire & Merseyside PC Physician Associate (PA) Preceptorship Programme

We are pleased to announce that we will be running the 4th cohort of the Cheshire and Merseyside Primary Care Physician Associate (PA) Preceptorship Programme. This offer is available to both newly qualified PAs or PAs transitioning from another area (i.e. moving from an Acute Trust) and working in primary care in Cheshire and Merseyside. The start date for Cohort 4 is on the 3rd May 2023.

HEE are in the process of releasing the required application forms so that practices can claim for the £5000 funding for having a PA on the programme. The HEE £5,000 preceptorship funding is for PCNs to liaise with the PA practices. Upon successful applications, practices are to complete the application form to ensure the funding can be provided. We will be in touch once those application forms are available.

In the meantime, for a PA apply for a place please complete the [linked form](#) by 1st May 2023. Applications after this date will not be accepted if all spaces have been filled. We will keep them on a reserve list should there be a 5th cohort in the future.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch at etp.manager@nhs.net

A Message from Cheshire & Merseyside Training Hub



As you are aware the Cheshire & Merseyside Training Hub is a regional training hub with 5 locality hubs working under it and in partnership to supporting the development and transformation of the primary and community care workforce through education and training across Cheshire and Merseyside footprint.

We bring together education and training resources from NHS organisations, community providers as well as local authorities. With access to a range of information, resources, and contacts within national and local networks we look to offer practical guidance, support on educational workforce development. The Cheshire & Merseyside Training Hub are always working on innovative pieces of work that offer that helping hand to practices at our local level. In the coming newsletter issues, we will be looking to introduce you to each of our locality hubs.

If you have any suggestions or ways we can improve our communication, we would love to hear from you. Please let us know by completing this [short survey](#).

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NAPC Care Programme

We have secured an exciting opportunity for 25 Primary Care and Community colleagues to take part in this nationally led programme across Cheshire & Merseyside.

We will be holding an initial engagement event on *Tuesday 25th April from 12-12:45pm*. To register your interest, please email care@napc.co.uk for more details.

The CARE programme is delivered by the National Association of Primary CARE (NAPC), consisting of 8 x 2-hour sessions run across consecutive weeks, with a focus on both population health management, and wellbeing and resilience. More information can be found here: www.napc.co.uk/care

This is an excellent opportunity for networking across primary care, community and social roles, gaining insight into your local system. The programme can help retain this crucial workforce within practices and PCNs through developing skills, and wellbeing and resilience, to drive positive changes in their patients, their colleagues, and their system.

The CARE programme is suitable for all primary care colleagues and the wider workforce within both community and social care (both clinical and non-clinical).

We look forward to welcoming you to the CARE Programme!

Action Learning Sets (ALS)

Funded Clinical Supervision Action Learning Sets (ALS) for Nurses (FEW SPACES REMAINING)

The Cheshire and Merseyside Training Hub is offering to support one nurse per PCN to develop clinical supervision skills through action learning sets (ALS). Participants will be trained and supported, bi-monthly over 6 months, to become an ALS facilitator. Our intention is that the facilitators will then run ALS groups bi-monthly over a six-month period for a group of nurses in their PCN.

Funding

Funding for a half day's ALS facilitator training for each nominated nurse. Additionally, £700 will be paid to the PCN/practice to allow the nurse to attend bi-monthly ALS for 6 months and then facilitate bi-monthly ALS within their PCN for a further 6 months.

Training Dates

ALS facilitator training dates for nurses:

- Friday 21st April - ****NOW FULL****
- Wednesday 3rd May – afternoon (6 spaces remaining)
- Thursday 18th May – afternoon (6 spaces remaining)

Registering

To find out more please visit our [website](#) or you can register and book the training [here](#)

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HEE Apprenticeship Update

[Level 5 Assistant practitioner \(AHP profession contextualised\) pathway](#)

A webinar will be held to promote the AHP profession contextualised apprenticeships.

Webinar 1- 21st April 13:00-15:00 Via MS Teams – This webinar will give opportunity for employers to meet the providers and find out about the course specifics, entry requirements and next steps. Click [HERE](#) to book a place

[Apprenticeship service webinars](#)

The Apprenticeship Service run free webinars for employers, training providers, intermediaries & EPAOs. The webinars are hosted by subject matter experts and aim to help service users understand more about the apprenticeship service and apprenticeships. The latest series of webinars include key information on advertising apprenticeship vacancies on the Apprenticeship Service.

[Limited space](#) are available.– Click [HERE](#) to find out more

[Enhanced clinical practitioner for general practice](#)

Following employer demand scoping HEE are pleased to be supporting an employer led task and finish group to utilise Enhanced Clinical Practitioner (ECP) apprenticeship for general practice nursing (GPN). The group will be working to ensure that the ECP apprenticeship can be delivered in a contextualised way to train general practice nurses, aimed at those with some experience to develop their skills in long-term condition management and non-medical prescribing. Additionally, if supported by local need and demand, other modules could be provided, such as mental health, women's health or minor injuries. We envisage this course to have some core modules such as non-medical prescribing, Clinical Leadership and Research in Health, as well as a picking list of modules for specific clinical skills relevant to practices, such as Diabetes Management, Respiratory Diseases, Minor Illnesses or Sexual Health. The length of the apprenticeship would be 12-18 m depending on modules selected. The first meeting on the group will be on **Thursday 27th April 2023 13:00 – 14:00**, where stakeholders and partners will meet to agree the tender and course specification for the ECP (GPN) apprenticeship course.

[To express an interest in joining the task and finish group please contact \[nhsapprenticeships@hee.nhs.uk\]\(mailto:nhsapprenticeships@hee.nhs.uk\)](#)

[Public Sector Reporting](#)

The deadline for public sector reporting on the digital apprenticeship service is 31st May 2023.

The new data request will no longer ask for information on the actions taken to meet the public sector target as this came to an end on 31st May 2023. The refreshed data request will increase transparency and enable comparison between organisations. The data request will include organisational headcount, total number of apprentices and apprentices as a percentage of headcount.