

# BLMK TRAINING HUB NEWSLETTER

PRIMARY CARE TRAINING HUB  
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## The Primary Care Training Hub

The BLMK Primary Care Training Hub supports the training and development of all staff working in GP practices and Primary Care Networks across Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes. From apprenticeships to team-building, GP training to leadership and much, much more we have the expertise, skills and enthusiasm to support you!

## Welcome to the Primary Care Training Hub Newsletter

Welcome to the first issue of our new-look Training Hub Newsletter which we will be producing twice a month. It is aimed at anyone currently working in, or interested in working in GP practices or Primary Care Networks in BLMK. In our Newsletter you'll find updates on some of the work we've been doing as well as highlights of current offers available to you. We'll also be spotlighting some of the brilliant work that you're currently doing within your own teams. If you have anything you'd like to contribute then please do let us know.



The Training Hub Team

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## HEALTH & WELLBEING

Last week we had our first Wellbeing Champion Network meeting. We spoke about hopes for the Wellbeing Network, discussed some of our champions innovative ideas and went through some of the great wellbeing offers currently available to BLMK Primary Care colleagues. If you would like to become a Wellbeing Champion for your practice or PCN please get in contact with: [Lydia.jacks1@nhs.net](mailto:Lydia.jacks1@nhs.net) who can provide you with more details.

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## CPD OFFERS & TRAINING

The BLMK Training Hub is pleased to offer a number of free courses for our Nurses and AHPs in Primary Care. Please visit our CPD SharePoint site to view and book on the latest courses. This dedicated section aims to empower you with the tools and knowledge needed to excel in your primary care practice. Stay connected, informed, and engaged as we strive to enhance your learning journey and support your professional growth.

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## NEW FUNDED EDUCATIONAL SUPERVISOR TRAINING FOR REGISTERED PHARMACY WORKFORCE

NHSE are working in partnership with ProPharmace to offer funded supervisor training. This training will ensure those involved in educational supervision, including Designated Supervisors (DSs), and Designated Prescribing Practitioners (DPPs), are confident to provide support and developmental aid to the pharmacy workforce across all sectors.

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## KNOWLEDGE & LIBRARY SERVICES

Discover all the library resources available to you plus how to access them with an NHS Open Athens account. Including BMJ Best Practice, Royal Marsden Manual, Maudsley Prescribing Guidelines, Oxford Handbooks, ebooks and journals.

For any questions, please contact you Knowledge Specialist Beth Thompson [beth.thompson16@nhs.net](mailto:beth.thompson16@nhs.net)

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## Central Bedfordshire College Careers Fair

On the 17th April the Training Hub and many of our ICS partners attended a careers fair in Dunstable. It was a vibrant event with many students visiting our stalls and discussing their career aspirations with our practice colleagues. We took the opportunity to promote the many careers in Primary Care and taking some blood pressures whilst we were at it! We look forward to working closely with the college going forwards. If you would like to get involved in future careers fairs that we attend, please get in touch.

## BLMK Festival of Learning

- This February the Primary Care Training Hub hosted our first Festival of Learning in Milton Keynes, with fantastic success. Over one hundred primary care professionals came together to share local best practice, generate ideas and hear about what's working well in other parts of the country.
- Throughout the day participants discussed over twenty hot topics ranging from virtual group consultations at scale, to working with the Fire Service, Team Coaching, Sustainability in Healthcare and Workforce Planning.

### Marie Lehane – Head of Primary Care Workforce Programme



Marie joined the ICB in November 2023 to lead the primary care workforce programme where she is focused on innovatively supporting a range of initiatives spanning recruitment and retention, culture and OD, implementation of new roles, and training and development opportunities for our Primary Care workforce.

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## Farewell to Dr Nina Pearson

We'd like to say a huge thank you to Dr Nina Pearson for her leadership and support over her last five years as the Clinical Chair of the Training Hub. Nina has been integral in developing the environment in which our work to support our practice and PCN workforce has developed and has been a role model, leader and friend to many of us. We are sad to see her go but looking forward to welcoming our new Chair once they have been appointed to the role.

## Upcoming events

**MAY**  
**16** Clinical leads  
Development Event

**MAY**  
**22** BLMK External  
Protected Learning Time

**JUNE**  
**20** BLMK Internal  
Protected Learning Time

**JUNE**  
**26** Personalised Care  
Conference

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