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Digital Nurse Placements

Building on the success of previous Digital Nurse Placements, a 3rd year student program will be running as follows: Placement would start on the week of 7th October for 5 weeks. We are anticipating:

- **Week 1** – in practice Wednesday, Thursday, Friday (virtual from home Monday and Tuesday)
- **Week 2** – in practice Wednesday, Thursday, Friday (virtual from home Monday and Tuesday)
- **Weeks 3 and 4** – in practice full time
- **Week 5** – in practice Monday to Thursday then the last day being virtual from home.

Other areas offering these placements have seen 86% of students apply for nursing roles in General Practice upon completion. This serves as a vocational interview, with students qualifying in Sept 2025 and seeking jobs early to mid 2025.

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LINC Meeting

On June 20th, Jay, Yuliya, and Helen attended the Luton Integrated Neighbourhood Collaborative meeting at the Youth Centre to present our team's efforts in supporting the General Practice and Primary Care Network workforce through Integrated Neighbourhood Working. The afternoon was enlightening as we learned about various initiatives in Luton, including an impressive project by eQuality PCN and Father Luke from St Andrew's Church: the Biscot Peace and Wellbeing Hub. This hub unites community organizations and offers residents activities ranging from gardening to Zumba classes. We're eager to discuss their project further on our upcoming podcast series. If you're involved in any neighborhood working projects you'd like to share, please email the Training Hub or complete this form.

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HEALTH & WELLBEING

The webinar is open to all, regardless of sexuality, NHS employment, banding. This is an inclusive space and we welcome all people. The theme of the event is a mixture of celebrating all LGBTQ+ identities, but also shedding light on the reality of being a member of the LGBTQ+ community and what it is like navigating difficult environments 365 days of the year.

26 June 2024: 10:00–12:00. For any questions, email: england.equalityeoe@nhs.net

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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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TRAINING FOR PHARMACISTS

Practical application of population health supporting pharmacy professionals undertaking structured medication reviews. A specialist and a generalist will discuss how to use population health tools and techniques to understand and assess the needs of different population groups. This webinar will support you in identifying, designing, and delivering proactive, personalised healthcare in your practice, to help reduce health inequalities and maximise patient care.

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KNOWLEDGE & LIBRARY SERVICES

Available to all primary care staff, the 'At a Glance' series of textbooks serves as an excellent introduction to new subjects for both students and newly qualified practitioners in all healthcare professions.

[View on Kortext](#). Search for 'At a Glance' to view the whole series. Sign in with your NHS OpenAthens account. If you don't have one yet sign up here openathens.nice.org.uk

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For any queries please email beth.thompson16@nhs.net

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BLMK ICS Apprenticeship Event

Our Workforce Development Academy colleagues hosted an ICS Apprenticeship Expansion event on 17th June for system partners. The event was attended by a wide range of organisations including Hannah Baker from the Training Hub.

The event focused on 4 core areas of apprenticeships:

- Apprenticeship data
- Career pathways
- Apprentice recruitment
- Learning pathways and

Attendees were tasked with committing actions to improve utilisation of apprenticeships to support attraction and retention of staff.

Supporting Team Collaboration using MS Teams

This week, our Workforce Transformation Project Manager, Helen Worthington-Smith, visited the team at Wootton Vale in Bedford Borough to talk to them about how MS Teams can be used to collaborate and enhance inter-team working. Helen said, "Thank you so much to the team for inviting me along. It was a brilliant opportunity to learn more about how practice teams are using MS Teams and to showcase some of the functionality that MS Teams and SharePoint has to offer." If you'd like to learn more about using MS Teams in your own practice or PCN, you can watch the video that was recorded during the May External PLT session which can be found on the Training Hub MS Teams [SharePoint site here](#)

If you can't access this link then you will need to sign up to our site using this form:

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Dr Raj Yuvaraj – GP Mid – Late Career Strategic Lead



Raj, a qualified GP for 15 years and GP Partner in Milton Keynes, has diverse UK experience, including roles with the CCG. As a local LMC representative, he understands workforce pressures in primary care.

Raj trains medical students and GP registrars and has a special interest in medical technology and innovation. He believes technology will foster a resilient workforce and improve patient experience.

Raj collaborates with the BLMK Training Hub, PCNs, HEE, and NHS E/I, promoting transformation, inclusivity, transparency, and equity.

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Training Hub Team Away Day

On June 12th, our Training Hub team met in-person for the first time in over a year for a wonderful development day. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect, reflect on our achievements, and discuss future improvements. Evidence shows that teams thrive when they gather in a psychologically safe space to discuss successes and challenges however, in our increasingly busy lives, it's difficult to carve out the time to do so but this day highlighted the importance of making time for such valuable activities. For insights into high-performing teams, check out this King's Fund article:

Upcoming events

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[Addressing Winter Pressure Through Group Clinics](#)

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[Autism Virtual Experience](#)

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[Dementia Virtual Experience](#)

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