

# Primary Care News



March 2024



## PLT Dates 2024 / 25

January – March dates can be found [here](#).

April 2024 – March 2025 dates can be found [here](#).

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## Changes to the Educational Supervisor Pathway

Kent & Medway Primary Care Training Hub and NHS Kent & Medway ICB have been working closely with NHSE WTE KSS Deanery to bring about changes to the educator pathway (GP Trainer Course) in Kent & Medway. This has resulted in the previous requirement to complete the Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PG-Cert) prior to the course being removed, which means it is now more streamlined and will take less additional time and commitment to become an educational supervisor. Find out more on the changes [here](#).



## Interactive Career Pathway Tool

[“Career Development Pathways in Primary Care”](#) is an interactive tool designed by KMPCTH to support general practices in the recruitment, retention, and upskilling of their multi-professional team.

This is a pilot document, and we would welcome your feedback and suggestions.



## Training Programmes

### Primary Care Research Study Event

Trainee Advanced Practitioners and Advanced Practitioners are invited to this face-to-face half day course on Thursday, 18th April, 12:30-4pm. The course will explore Primary Care research, its impact on service users, how to support research already being delivered and how to find studies that can be supported within your field. [Sign up.](#)

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### ‘Hot Topics’ GP Update Course Webinar

NB Medical is working with the Training Hub to provide GPs with a live, fully interactive, hot topics GP course webinar. Saturday, 20th April, 9:30am – 5:00pm. The course will update you on the latest developments in the literature and serve as a platform for CPD to help you to deliver better patient care. KMPCTH are part-funding the first 300 places so [book your place](#) today.



## Other Courses & Opportunities

### Kent and Medway Mid-Career GP Networks

These sessions are open to any mid-career GP who works in Kent and Medway. These groups will meet 3 times per year for a half-day session (lunch will be included). Sessions will be semi-structured to allow time for you to connect as peers, and support and problem solve alongside a more structured group action learning session. Find further information [here](#).

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### SAFER Consulting – A series of 7 online events for GPs and Clinical Staff

Half of the diagnoses made contain an element of uncertainty and 1 in 10 diagnoses is incorrect, resulting in

serious harm to a patient in 1-in-1000 consultations. And yet, clinicians continue to receive very little, if any, training in how to prevent this from happening to them and their patients. [Find out more and book your place.](#)

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## **PITstop Diabetes Training**

KMPCTH have received additional funding for places on PITstop Diabetes courses, including training on the PrePITstop diabetes key message course and PITstop advanced course. [Book your place.](#)

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## **Appropriate Prescribing of COPD Rescue Packs**

The Kent and Medway Medicines Optimisation Team would like to invite all clinician and Health Care Partnership colleagues to this education event on Tuesday, 12th March 1-2pm. Click [here](#) to join the MS Teams meeting.

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## **Designated Prescribing Practitioners (DPP)**

DPPs are workplace-based supervisors who support IP trainees in their period of learning in practice as part of their prescribing course. [Learn more.](#)

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## **New: Designated Supervisor Requirements for the 2025/26 Foundation Training Programme**

In the 2025/26 Foundation Training Year, NHS England will be taking on the responsibility for the Quality Management of the Foundation Training Year for all foundation trainee pharmacists in England. This will include assuring the quality of supervision.

Working with the GPhC, NHS England has developed principles for the role of Designated Supervisor that will be used from the 2025/26 training year. These principles are designed to support quality of education and ensure patient safety. [Learn more now.](#)

This document is available to download from the website: [Implementing the Foundation Pharmacist Training Year 2025/26.](#)

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## **Funded CPD Courses**

Find funded CPD courses in mental health and community rehabilitation [here.](#)

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## **Adult Social Care Digital Front Door Training**

Kent County Council (KCC) Adult Social Care (ASC) have redesigned their information and developed new tools for ASC Services to enable people to access information, advice, and guidance independently.

KCC are holding online training sessions for professionals working in Primary Care, to learn more about these tools and maximise the use of them when signposting to patients. Find dates [here](#).

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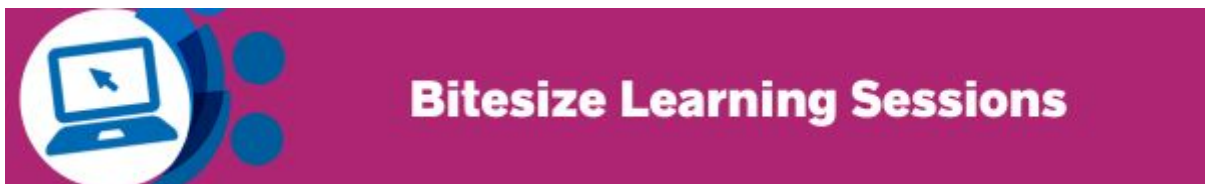
## Physician Associate Webinars

These [online sessions](#), held on the last Wednesday of the month between 1-2pm are for Physician Associates in Kent & Medway, as well as their current or potential employers and practice managers. The sessions will outline all elements of Physician Associate training, scope, supervision, development and recruitment.

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## Practice Assessor and Practice Supervisor Virtual Workshops

Canterbury Christ Church University are offering virtual workshops to all Practice Assessors (PA) and Practice Supervisors (PS). The workshop will prepare you to be a Practice Supervisor and count as an update for both current PS' and PAs. Dates until 2024. [Book your place](#).



These are 120-minute group sessions, based on key topics and relevant to anyone working in Primary Care in Kent and Medway. There are just a few sessions left until the end of March. [Find out more](#).



Earn and learn with [Apprenticeships](#) and choose from a range of qualifications from Level 2 (GCSE-equivalent) to Level 7 (Masters-equivalent) and open to ages 16 and over.

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## Focus On: Business Analyst Level 4

[Business Analysts \(BAs\)](#) are change professionals that help organisations deliver business and digital change successfully. They find and present solutions of how technology can be used to deliver business improvements, and support business acceptance to ensure that the proposed solution meets the requirements. BAs make recommendations for improvement in relation to people, processes, and IT, through analysing, documenting, and managing requirements throughout the delivery lifecycle, they help achieve successful business outcomes through new processes, data and/or technology.

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## Functional Skills

[Functional Skills English and Maths](#) are a requirement to start an apprenticeship, providing accessible skills to improve reading, writing and communications and a better understanding of numbers and mathematical concepts; they are one of the most popular qualifications taken by adult learners. Watch: [Functional Skills](#)



## BetterCare Support

Adult Social Care and Health (Kent County Council) have launched [BetterCare Support](#), an online self-assessment tool, to enable people to live independently and safely within their communities and home. By answering questions about their social care needs, the tool provides people with information, advice, and guidance about the options and services available to them.

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## Physician Associate Placements in Primary Care

Canterbury Christ Church University are looking for GP practices to support with Physician Associate placements in April. Practices will need to be GMC approved training sites and have either an Educational or Clinical Supervisor working there. The dates of the placements are 15 April to 26 April. NHSE offer £14.96 per hour per student and that equates to £119.68 for an 8-hour day x 10 = £1196.80 per student per placement block.

If you are able to support, please contact [Helen.Foster@canterbury.ac.uk](mailto:Helen.Foster@canterbury.ac.uk)

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## Calling all Primary Care Staff on Paternal/Maternity Leave

Are you returning to work after maternity/parental leave or recently restarted work? Or know someone who is? Find out about a [support programme](#) starting in April 2024, with virtual and face-to-face meetings to support your return-to-work journey.

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## Join the KMPCTH Facebook Group

Connect with your colleagues in Primary Care using the KMPCTH Facebook group. Ask questions, join a discussion, share ideas and converse with others across Kent and Medway. [Join the group today.](#)

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## Active Kent and Medway

Everyday Active is [Active Kent & Medway's flagship campaign](#), helping adults and families to be more active in their daily life. To help you, your friends, family and service users to move more in everyday life, visit the [Everyday Active website](#). You can also visit the [Partner Hub](#) for Everyday Active promotional material and a wealth of useful resources and information.



Check the [HR Resources](#) to support PCN/Practice managers in developing their HR knowledge and performance, with:

- HR templates to customise
- Induction to Primary Care
- Onboarding Roadmap for PCNs/Practices
- HR Mentoring Service for Practice Managers and PC Leaders

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## HR Coaching

HR Coaching is a [pilot programme](#) launched across Kent & Medway, offering up to 6 fully-funded individual mentoring sessions and designed to support Practice Managers and multi professional Primary Care managers. If you are in a management position and feel that you need help with driving your workforce forward, implementing a new process or introducing change, this mentoring programme is for you.



## Join The Kent and Medway GPN Forum

The GPN Nurse Leads have created a forum for all members of the Kent and Medway practice nursing workforce. It is intended to be a place that draws together all aspects relating to their work: clinical, professional, and wellbeing, with links to relevant resources and websites. There is also an area for discussion of relevant topics, with clear guidelines regarding content so that it is a safe space to chat. [More information.](#)

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## Peer Mentoring

Did you know that anyone working in Primary Care can benefit from [Peer Mentoring](#)? Whatever your role you access personalised support.

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## New to Partnership

Are you within the first 5 years of partnership? KMPCTH has launched a “**New to Partnership Group**” network. Building on the success of a pilot run in West Kent, this group offers education around the non-clinical aspects of partnership through monthly meetings (virtual and face to face) as well as peer support. [More information.](#)

**Can't attend your training? Make sure you cancel!**



There are many reasons why delegates cannot attend training sessions on which they are registered - and it's absolutely fine. Just make sure you [cancel your place!](#)



## Wellbeing & Support

### Keep it handy: Wellbeing & Support Reminder List

Download the [Primary Care Workforce Wellbeing & Support](#) resources flyer to keep with you at all times.

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### Desk-Based Exercises - Weekly Session

Join us [every Tuesday at 1pm](#) for a well-deserved 10 minute stretch and move session with Jane Taylor.

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### Useful Resources

- Read the Kent and Medway Advancing Practice and Independent Prescribing February [newsletter.](#)
  - Safeguarding [Primary Care Notice Board](#)
  - PCN requirements and entitlements for Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme (ARRS) [FAQ Document.](#)
  - How to save your [PLT attendance certificate](#) once it is emailed to you.
  - [Kent and Medway ICS primary care careers site](#)
  - [Informing and Communicating with Patients Resources.](#)
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## Follow us on social media

Follow our [social media channels](#) to keep up to date with upcoming training and news from across primary care.



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The KMPCTH Newsletter is created by the Communications Team.

The deadline to submit news and updates is the **final day of each month**.

It's not too late to catch up on the KMPCTH [previous monthly newsletters](#).

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