GPN Conference 2026

Exploring the role of General Practice Nursing Teams within Neighbourhood Health

Wednesday 25th November 2026, 9.00am – 4.30pm
Mercure Maidstone Great Danes Hotel ME17 1RE

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9.00 – 9.30am	**Registration**	**All**
9.30 – 9.45am	**Welcome & Housekeeping.** ***Setting the scene.***	**Sharon Lee** - RN Senior Primary Care Workforce Lead. KMPCTH **Rachael Heathfield** - RN General Practice Nurse Workforce Lead. KMPCTH
1: Recognising the value of the GPN workforce		
09.45 – 10.15am	**Keynote Speaker:** **General Practice Nursing:** *Leading today, Shaping Tomorrow*	**Louise Brady (NHSE)** National Primary Care Nursing Lead, NHSE. General Practice Nurse
10:15 – 10:45am	**Opportunities for General Practice Nursing teams:** *in Kent & Medway Neighbourhood Health.*	**Jennie Hall OBE** Chief Nursing, Quality and Experience Officer. NHS Kent & Medway.
10.45 – 11.05am	**BREAK with refreshments. Opportunity to visit the stands and networking**	
2: Lifelong learning Opportunities		
11:05 – 12:05pm	**Higher Education Institutes (HEI):** *Nursing opportunities across Kent & Medway.*	**Alison Gallagher** Head of Life-long Learning School of Nursing, Midwifery, Allied and Public Health. CCCU. **Dr Caroline Laker** Associate Professor in Nursing & Healthcare Education Practice Learning Lead, UoG.
12:05 – 12:45pm	**From Student Nurse to General Practice Nurse:** *Building a Career in Primary Care.*	**Ann Humphreys** - RN New to Practice Programme Lead. KMPCTH. **Rachael Heathfield** - RN General Practice Nurse Workforce Lead. KMPCTH.
12:45 – 13.30pm	**LUNCH and opportunity to make new connections and visit stands**	
3: General Practice Nurses: Making a difference: Continuing Professional Development		
13:30 – 14:00pm	**From Practice Nurse to System Leader:** *Transforming Women's Health Across the System.*	**Dawn Langdon** - ANP Clinical Project Nurse Lead. PCN Co-Clinical Director Thanet Health CIC.
14:00 – 14:35pm	**General Practice to System Change:** *Advancing Vaccinations Through Nursing Leadership*	**Carly Wincott** - RN Head of Vaccinations. NHS Kent & Medway.
14.35 – 14.50pm	**BREAK with refreshments. Opportunity to visit the stands and networking**	
14:50 – 15:20pm	**GPNs as Outcome Drivers in Respiratory Care:** *A Lead GP's Perspective.*	**Dr Neil Banik** GP South Kent Coast Co-Chair Kent and Medway Respiratory Network
15:20 – 16:05pm	**GPNs at the heart of Diabetes Care:** *Translating practice into Patient Outcomes.*	**Sarah Deans** - RN PITstop for Diabetes Trainer
16.05 – 16.30pm	**Speakers Panel. Summary and Closing & Thank you from the Team.**	

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