Newsletter

September 2026

BSW PRIMARY AND COMMUNITY CARE TRAINING HUB

Recently Qualified as a GP?

Recently qualified as a GP? Make the most of the support available through the BSW Newly Qualified GP (NQGP) Fellowship Scheme



The scheme offers a range of **CPD opportunities, peer support and professional development** to help NQGPs confidently transition into independent practice.

Within your first 2 years as a GP? Don't miss out. Join now and make the most of the support on offer.

The scheme is currently confirmed until **31 March 2027**. Beyond this date, the remaining First 5 courses will continue to run, and we are actively exploring opportunities for it to continue beyond this date.

Find out more on the NQGP section of our website: General Practitioner - bswtraininghub.nhs.uk

To express an interest in joining the scheme or if you just want to find out more information then please contact the BSW Training Hub.

BSW NQGP Wellness Course

There are still places available on the forthcoming BSW NQGP Wellness Course, a three-part programme designed specifically for NQGPs. The course explores mental wellbeing, self-care, finding purpose and meaning, and achieving a healthy balance between time, health and wealth to support a sustainable and fulfilling GP career.

✅ NQGP Fellowship time can be used to attend.
📅 Sessions: 22 September, 29 September and 7 October 2026.
🕙 Time: 10:00-12:30.
📍 Venue: Jenner House, Chippenham.
⏰ Booking deadline: Friday 4 September 2026

To reserve a place, please contact Dr Hannah Cornish at hcornish@nhs.net.
Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Attendance at all three sessions is required.

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HPV Knowledge and Awareness Survey

Primary care clinical staff are invited to complete a short survey on HPV vaccination access and cancer risk in young men.



Dr Caitlin Hayton, Research and Development Lead for Brunel PCN 3, is seeking feedback from GPs, Nurses and other primary care clinicians, although responses from all practice staff are welcome.

The survey aims to explore current knowledge and awareness of HPV vaccination access and HPV-related cancer risk in young men. Findings will be used to inform the development of a future educational session for primary care staff.

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey: **HPV & Cancer Risk Young Men – Fill out form**

Thank you for your support. For any queries, please contact: caitlin.hayton@nhs.net

2027/28 Advanced Practice MSc Workforce Planning

To support NHS England workforce planning, we are seeking indicative numbers of staff who may commence an Advanced Practice MSc in 2027/28, including those who may wish to undertake the programme via the apprenticeship route.

📧 Please send your estimated numbers to kevinforeman@nhs.net by Wednesday 9 September 2026.



Important funding update: Advanced Practice apprentices funded through the NHSE Mitigation Fund should not be added to the Digital Apprenticeship Service (DAS) account. These learners should instead be recorded by the university on the ILR using code 99.

The NHSE Mitigation Fund, which replaced levy funding for Level 7 Advanced Practice programmes in 2026/27, will remain available for eligible enrolments up to and including 2028/29.



Fuelling Your Future Conference – Don't Miss Out

A limited number of **funded places** are still available for primary care staff to attend the **Fuelling Your Future Conference** on **4 November 2026** at the Neeld Community & Arts Centre, Chippenham.

The conference will explore **metabolic health** and the impact of a low-carb, real-food lifestyle, **featuring** expert speakers and providing **6+ hours of CPD**.

✅ **Free for BGPERT members** (book via: BGPERT@birdbath.org.uk)
✅ **Free for SET members** (book via: Swindon Education Trust)
✅ **Limited funded places available for other primary care staff** (normally £80)
To secure a funded place, contact kim.taylor18@nhs.net.

Places are filling up and will be allocated on a **first come, first served basis**.

Full event details and booking information: Click here.

Lunch & Learn: Rare and Uncommon Cancers - Thurs 10 Dec



SWAG Cancer Alliance, in collaboration with the BSW Training Hub, is delighted to invite healthcare professionals to an **online Lunch & Learn** session on **Rare and Uncommon Cancers** on **Thursday 10 December** 2026 from **12:30pm to 2:30pm**.

This educational event will explore the recognition, referral pathways, and management of rare and uncommon cancers, helping clinicians to identify potential signs and symptoms earlier and improve patient outcomes.

The session is suitable for primary healthcare professionals and will provide valuable updates, practical learning, and opportunities for discussion with expert speakers.

Join us to enhance your knowledge and confidence in supporting patients with these less frequently encountered cancers.

Microsoft Teams joining link: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/350134833708404?p=hdbIEzmafxUMZACDIN

Wellbeing Corner

Supporting your Mental Health and Resilience in Primary Care

This Month's Focus:

Are You Protecting Your Recovery Time? 🌙

In primary care, we often focus on looking after patients, colleagues and services, often leaving little time to look after ourselves.

Recovery is more than taking annual leave. It's about creating regular opportunities to rest, recharge and replenish energy levels throughout the year. Quality sleep is a key part of that process and plays an important role in supporting wellbeing, resilience, concentration and day-to-day performance.

With increasing demands both inside and outside of work, it can be easy to view rest as a luxury rather than a necessity. However, making time to recover can help us maintain our energy, stay focused and better manage the pressures of busy working lives.

As we head into the autumn period, take a moment to reflect:

- ✅ What helps you switch off?
- ✅ Are you making time for activities that help you recharge?
- ✅ Is there one small change you could make to better protect your recovery time?
- ✅ Are there any boundaries you could put in place to help create a clearer separation between work and personal time?

Remember, recovery looks different for everyone. Whether it's spending time with family and friends, getting outdoors, reading a book, exercising, enjoying a hobby or simply getting a better night's sleep, finding what works for you is key.



💡 Small, consistent actions can often have the biggest impact on long-term wellbeing.

🔗 NHS Every Mind Matters offers practical resources and support to help improve sleep, wellbeing and resilience.

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