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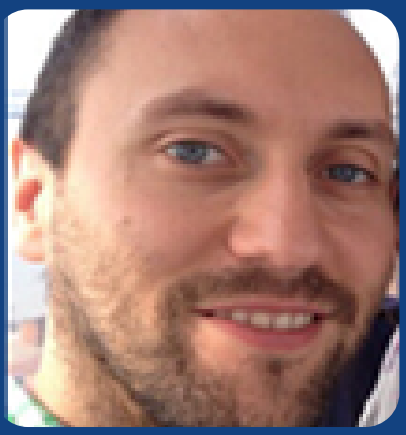


Thank You, Will!

At the end of September, the BSW Primary Care Training Hub said farewell to Dr Will Wallage as he stood down from his role as BSW Training Hub Co-Clinical Lead.

Will has been instrumental in the development and success of the Training Hub over many years, helping to shape and champion workforce development across primary care in Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire. Alongside his Training Hub role, many colleagues will know Will through his numerous contributions to primary care and medical education, including as a GP at Elm Tree Surgery, Shrivenham, Primary Care Associate Dean for Quality at NHSE South West, and Education Lead and Examiner for the RCGP.

Throughout his time with the Training Hub, Will has been a passionate advocate for education, innovation and workforce development. Equally important has been the way he has supported colleagues, practices and learners. Those who have worked with Will consistently describe him as kind, supportive, thoughtful, caring and inspiring. His calm approach, encouragement and genuine commitment to helping others have left a lasting impression on countless people across the BSW system.





Will's leadership, wisdom and unwavering support have played a significant role in establishing the Training Hub as the organisation it is today, and his contribution will be felt for many years to come.

On behalf of the BSW Training Hub team and the wider primary care workforce, we would like to thank Will for everything he has done and wish him and his family every happiness and success for the future.

Thank you, Will. You will be greatly missed. 💙

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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

Lunch & Learn: Rare and Less Common Cancers - New Registration Link

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 Less Common 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 less common 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.

Important: Any previously circulated Microsoft Teams joining links are now obsolete and should be removed from your calendar.

To attend this event, you must register using the new registration link below.

Register here: BSW Lunch & Learn for Primary Care - Rare & Less Common Cancers
Once registered, you will receive the webinar joining details and calendar invitation directly from SWAG Cancer Alliance.



Fuelling Your Future Conference – Funded Places

BSW Primary Care Training Hub is pleased to promote the **Fuelling Your Future Conference**, a one-day primary care event focused on metabolic health, prevention and lifestyle medicine to improving patient outcomes.

The programme features nationally recognised speakers including **Dr David Cavan, Dr David Oliver, Dr Ian Lake, Sam Feltham and Dr Campbell Murdoch**, alongside opportunities for networking and shared learning.

The event is suitable for the whole primary care workforce, including **GPs, GP Trainees, Nurses, Health Coaches, ARRS staff and wider primary care colleagues**.

- 4 November 2026, 09:00-17:00
- The Neeld Community & Arts Centre, Chippenham, SN15 3WL
- 6+ hours CPD

Conference Poster and Booking Information
Conference Programme

£80 per delegate (limited free places for SET and BGPERT members)

Book your place:

- **BGPERT members:** book via BGPERT@birdbath.org.uk
- **SET members / all other delegates:** booking link: "Fuelling Your Future" Conference
- **Special offer:** limited funded places available for BSW general practice staff who are not SET or BGPERT members (first come, first served). To secure a funded place, contact kim.taylor18@nhs.net (Swindon Education Trust).

Queries: Dr Anna Woodman, Portfolio GP

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



Facilitator Development Framework - Free Webinar Series for Primary Care Educators

Cornwall Primary Care Training Hub

On behalf of the Cornwall Primary Care Training Hub, we are pleased to share details of a new Facilitator Development Framework, designed for colleagues involved in teaching, supervision, coaching, mentoring, induction or workforce development within primary care.

The programme consists of a series of free virtual masterclasses and development forums that can be attended individually or as a complete programme.

Topics include:



- Learning Foundations for Professional Practice
- Teaching in Practice
- Coaching for Performance
- Feedback and Assessment
- Mentorship and Professional Development
- Managing Difficult Conversations
- Human Factors and Psychological Safety
- Leadership Behaviours in Workforce Development

The framework is suitable for both experienced educators and those new to supporting the development of others, with a focus on building confidence, strengthening teaching and coaching skills, and promoting positive learning cultures across primary care.

Further information and booking details:
Please see the attached programme document.

Queries:
kernowhealthcic.workforce@nhs.net

Wellbeing Corner

Supporting your Mental Health and Resilience in Primary Care

This Month's Focus:

Optimistic October 🌟

As autumn arrives and workloads continue to build, it's important to take a few moments to invest in your own wellbeing.

Action for Happiness offers a range of free resources to support positive wellbeing habits, including their Optimistic October calendar, which encourages simple daily actions to boost hope, positivity and resilience.

Optimistic October

Daily actions to help you focus on what's possible and build positive habits.

- Optimistic October | Action for Happiness

10 Days of Happiness

A free online programme offering practical daily actions to help improve wellbeing.

- 10 Days of Happiness

10 Keys to Happier Living

Simple, evidence-based ways to support happiness and wellbeing in everyday life.

- 10 Keys to Happier Living

A Few Minutes of Inspiration

- Hope Can Shape Our Future: Optimistic October with Vanessa King
- Make Life Happier: 23 Practical Ways to Feel Better, Find Meaning, and Make a Difference

More Free Resources

Explore a wide range of wellbeing tools, guides and activities.

- Resources | Action for Happiness

Remember: Looking after yourself isn't a luxury. Small actions can make a big difference to wellbeing, resilience and the ability to support others.

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