Newsletter

November 2026

BSW PRIMARY AND COMMUNITY CARE TRAINING HUB

Pharmacy CPD Funding Available



Funding is available to support Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for pharmacists working in general practice and PCNs.

Funding can be used towards relevant courses, training and development activities that support the pharmacist role. Before booking any training, practices/PCNs **must contact Kevin Foreman for approval**.

Kevin is managing the funding allocation and finance log and will be able to confirm the funding available. Once approved:

- The practice/PCN can book and pay for the training.
- An invoice can then be submitted to BSW Training Hub for reimbursement.

Funding is limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so early requests are encouraged.

To discuss a request and seek approval, please contact: kevinforeman@nhs.net

GP Assistant (GPA) Programme – National Delivery Update

NHS England is continuing to support funded places on the GP Assistant (GPA) Programme. Following a national procurement process, the contract has been awarded to the Primary Care Workforce Academy (PCWA).



What we know so far:

- Funded GPA training places remain available.
- PCWA will coordinate delivery of the programme nationally.
- Regional and local educators will support learners and practices.
- The programme will include:
  - Workplace supervision
  - Learner support
  - Portfolio assessment

Interested in a funded place? Practices wishing to register their interest can do so via the PCWA website: General Practice Assistant (GPA) Programme | NHS Primary Care

Details of the teaching format, learner time commitment and cohort dates are awaited. We will share further information as soon as additional details become available.

What's included in this issue: *(and more...!)*

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The Centre for Advancing Practice

NHS England

ADVANCING PRACTICE Week 2026

8 to 14 November

Advancing Practice Week 2026 brings together advanced practitioners, trainees, supervisors, educators and employers from across England to celebrate the continued development of Advanced Practice.

A series of free lunchtime masterclasses will cover topics including:

- Supporting success through effective supervision
- Recognition and development of advanced practice roles
- Digital innovation in advanced practice
- Reducing health inequalities through advanced practice
- Resources and support available through the Centre for Advancing Practice

The programme may be particularly valuable for Advanced Practitioner trainees, Advanced Practitioners, supervisors, assessors and practice educators.

Registration is now open and places are limited, so early booking is recommended.

Register here: Centre for Advancing Practice Events - Futures

The Advancing Practice Week platform also includes promotional resources and opportunities to share case studies, innovative practice, and learning experiences.

Introducing our new Training Hub Fellow - Dr Andy Tait

Andy is a recently qualified GP and GP Partner working in Wiltshire, with a keen interest in medical education and supporting newly qualified GPs.

Through his GP Training Hub Fellowship, he is developing ‘Beyond CCT’, a practical teaching programme designed to bridge the gap between completing GP training and entering the workforce.

The programme aims to equip newly qualified GPs with the skills, knowledge and confidence to navigate employment, from writing CVs and securing interviews to understanding contracts and negotiating job offers.

Alongside the teaching, Andy hopes to create a lasting toolkit of resources to support future generations of GPs as they begin their careers.



Calling All Educators:
Have Your Say in the Educator Voice Survey 2026



The NHS England Educator Voice Survey (EVS) is now open.

The survey seeks feedback from formal and informal educators to better understand the opportunities, challenges and support available to those undertaking educator and supervisory roles.

This is your opportunity to share your experiences as an educator. Your feedback will help inform future improvements to education and training across health and care.

Complete the survey here: https://poll.hee.nhs.uk/t/evs2026/

Closing date: Tuesday 1 December 2026

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.

November Wellbeing Corner

Supporting your Mental Health and Resilience in Primary Care

Celebrating Your Successes 🌟

As workloads increase and winter pressures begin to build, it can be easy to focus on what still needs to be done. Many of us move from one task to the next without taking time to recognise the progress we've made along the way.

Taking a moment to acknowledge achievements, however big or small, can boost confidence, build resilience and remind us of the positive impact we have on patients, colleagues and our communities.

Take a Moment to Reflect



- ✅ What achievement are you most proud of from the last few months?
- ✅ What challenge have you successfully navigated?
- ✅ What new skill, knowledge or confidence have you gained?
- ✅ How have you supported a colleague, learner or patient?
- ✅ What positive feedback or thanks have you received recently?
- ✅ What's one achievement you don't give yourself enough credit for?

Celebrate the Small Wins

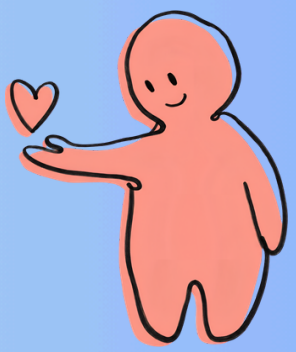


Success doesn't always have to be something major.

- 🌟 Supporting a patient through a difficult time
- 🌟 Completing a course or training programme
- 🌟 Helping a colleague when they needed support
- 🌟 Introducing an improvement within your practice or PCN
- 🌟 Managing a demanding workload while continuing to provide high-quality care
- 🌟 Taking small steps to support your own wellbeing

Every contribution matters, and the small wins often have the biggest impact.

Remember!



In primary care, the work is never truly finished. Before moving on to the next task, take a moment to recognise what you've achieved.

Celebrating success isn't about being complacent; it's about acknowledging progress, building confidence and appreciating the difference you make every day. 💚

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