



# GLOUCESTERSHIRE PRIMARY CARE TRAINING HUB NEWSLETTER

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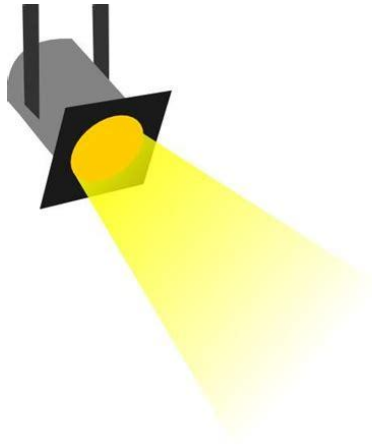
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We would love to hear from you, contact us here – [glicb.pcwc@nhs.net](mailto:glicb.pcwc@nhs.net)



# UPCOMING EVENTS



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## Spotlighted Events

<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b> 10:00 – 16:00 – In Person	General Practice Nurse Study Day	For full information please click <a href="#">here.</a>
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b> 09:30 – 12:30 - Virtual	New to Primary Care Induction	For full information please click <a href="#">here.</a>

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Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February – 12:00 – 14:00	<u><a href="#">More than you can imagine: Genomics and Rare Disease</a></u>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March – All day event	<u><a href="#">Gloucestershire Enhance Study Day “Hidden Actions”</a></u>
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March – 08:45 – 16:15	<u><a href="#">Doppler Practical Training – The Vale</a></u>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March – 09:30 – 12:30	<u><a href="#">Celebrating Women in Health: Stories, Leadership, and Wellness</a></u>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March – 12:30 – 13:30	<u><a href="#">Improving women’s health through Group Clinics</a></u>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March – 20:00 – 21:00	<u><a href="#">NB Medical Webinar on ‘Managing Uncertainty in Primary Care Clinic’</a></u>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March – 13:00 – 14:00	<u><a href="#">Gloucestershire's Education &amp; Training Standards for Managing Lower Limb Wounds Tier 2</a></u>

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Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March – 10:00 – 16:00	<u>General Practice Nurse Study Day</u>
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March – 09:30 – 12:30	<u>The power of music therapy – later stages of dementia – interactive workshop</u>
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March – 08:45 – 16:15	<u>Bandaging Practical Training – The Vale</u>
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March – 09:00 – 16:30	<u>Gloucestershire Enhance Study Day: Lifestyle Medicine</u>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April - 08:00 - 17:00	<u>Nurturing Compassionate and Inclusive NHS Cultures</u>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April – 08:45 – 16:15	<u>Doppler Practical Training – Stroud Hospital</u>
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April – 09:30 – 12:30	<u>New to Primary Care Induction</u>

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# PRACTICE NURSES AND PRIMARY CARE HEALTH STAFF - FEBRUARY **NEWSLETTER**



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Developed by **Karis Ramsay** – Clinical Learning & Development Lead for Primary Care

## **Highlights include;**

- **Cervical Screening: programme and colposcopy management**
- **National HPV vaccination catch-up campaign 2025/26**
- **RCN Webinars**
- **Updated measles guidance for healthcare services**
- **Preceptorship Programme 2026**
- **Ring Pessary Model Training**
- **Lower Limb CPD Event**



**To access the Newsletter please click [here](#).**

# NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2026



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**National Apprenticeship Week took place from 9th - 13th February 2026.**

Gloucestershire Primary Care Training Hub shared various resources and case studies across the week - for details of the week's activities, please visit <https://glosprimarycare.co.uk/apprenticeship-week-resources-2026>

**Nominations also opened for the Gloucestershire Primary Care Training Hub Apprenticeship Awards 2026.** A fantastic opportunity to highlight the amazing work being completed by Apprentices across Primary Care. Full details can be found on the above link. **Deadline for nominations – Monday 9th March 2026.**

## APPRENTICESHIP



APPLICANT



TRAINING



WORK EXPERIENCE



SKILLS



CAREER



PROFESSION

# SPARK GP PROGRAMME – MARCH 2026 COHORT



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Gloucestershire Primary Care Training Hub are pleased to announce that we are running a further cohort of our locally funded GP Fellowship Programme, also known as 'Spark'. Due to start March 2026, this opportunity is open to GPs working in GP Practices in Gloucestershire, within 12 months of qualifying. **The deadline for applications is Friday 6th March 2026.** Applications after this date may still be considered, if eligibility criteria met.

The Spark GP Programme's offer includes funded educational time, education sessions, peer support and networking, mentoring from experienced trained GPs, and individual project work to develop your interests. The scheme is designed to support you in the transition to life after qualifying and enable you to thrive as a new GP. For more information, please see our dedicated Spark programme page [here](#) which details eligibility and a link to the application form. **Please note, GPs under the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme (ARRS) can also apply for the Spark programme. If you have any questions, we would love to hear from you, you can contact us at [glicb.sparkgp@nhs.net](mailto:glicb.sparkgp@nhs.net).**

**Spark**

# MULTIPROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS CONFERENCE



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**Wednesday 29th April 2026, 9:15–16:00 at The Pavilion, Hatherley Lane, Cheltenham, GL51 6PN**

**Calling all educators! Join us for a one-day conference designed for healthcare educators and supervisors across all disciplines — pharmacists, mental health professionals, nurses, physiotherapists, GPs, social prescribers, paramedics, practice managers and other non-clinical educators. This conference will focus on practical strategies colleagues can use to support and empower their learners whilst safeguarding their own wellbeing as an educator.**

- Keynote speaker, Dr Ed Pooley: A nationally recognised speaker, author, and trainer in communication skills and time management. Ed combines techniques to help healthcare professionals communicate effectively
- Tips and tricks for multi-professional supervision
- Wellbeing for educators – creating a culture of sustainability and flourishing
- AI and tech to support your role as an educator
- Using interpreters well to support inclusive practice

**For more information and to book your place, please click [here](#).** Any queries, please contact the Training Hub via [glicb.pcwc@nhs.net](mailto:glicb.pcwc@nhs.net).

# ADVANCED PRACTICE FUNDING – SCOPING WINDOW OPEN



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We are excited to announce the Expression of Interest for NHSE Accredited MSc Advanced Practice training pathway has opened for Practices and PCNs in Gloucestershire General Practice. To support workforce planning this expression of interest will remain *open all year* but **to ensure funding for individuals who wish to undertake their MSc starting September 2026-August 2027 the EOI and subsequent actions need to be completed by March 23rd, 2026.**

The SW faculty advanced practice handbook has been updated for 2026-27, ahead of the scoping window for funding for eligible trainees and can be found here - **[AP handbook](#)**. **The funding can potentially support course fees and supervision in practices.**

**If you are interested and/or would like a further discussion, please contact the Gloucestershire Primary Care Training Hub on [glicb.pcwc@nhs.net](mailto:glicb.pcwc@nhs.net). Further information about the roles of Advanced practitioners in primary care can be found on the training hub website at [Advanced Practitioners - Gloucestershire Primary Care Workforce Centre](#).**

# ADMIN AWAY DAYS - HOLD THE DATE



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Following the success of the last 3 years events, the training hub are excited to be running **3 Admin Away Days again this year.** The events will take place on the following dates:

- **Thursday 14th May, 12:00-15:30 at The Pavilion, Hatherley Lane, Cheltenham**
- **Wednesday 3rd June, 12:00-15:30 at Museum in the Park, Stratford Park, Stroud**
- **Wednesday 17th June, 12:00-15:30 at The Speech House, Coleford, Forest of Dean**

**Please hold the date in your diaries, further details regarding the agenda and how to register will follow.**

# WORKING TOGETHER: FORGING POSITIVE PARTNESHIPS EVENT- HOLD THE DATE



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**Tuesday 19th May 2026, 9:30-12:30 at The Pavilion, Hatherley Lane, Cheltenham, GL51 6PN**

- Event organised due to interest identified at the Training Hub's 2025 Personalised Care Away Day
- We hope to forge relationships and bring together SPLWs, Mental Health Practitioners, Locality Community Partnership Clinical Leads, Mental Health Care Coordinators - promoting working together and supporting neighbourhood working agenda
- The event will encourage collaboration across roles, whilst ensuring provision of the most appropriate support for patients presenting in need of Mental Health support
- A range of stands will be there on the day - focus around services available to support SMI (Serious Mental Illness) patients and VCSE partner engagement

**The booking form to be issued shortly – please share details with your SPLWs and MHPs.**

# FdSc NURSING ASSOCIATE COURSE OVERVIEW EVENTS



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## FdSc Nursing Associate Course Overview Events for Employers and Healthcare Support Workers (HCA)

The University of Gloucestershire are hosting an on-line event via MS Teams, to share information with Healthcare Support Workers and Employers regarding the Student Nursing Associate Apprenticeship.

- **Health Care Support Workers session:** Tuesday 10th March, 13.00-14.30pm.
- **Employers session:** Wednesday 22nd April, 11.00-12.30am.

**Please email Clare Kirkpatrick the Academic Course Lead [ckirkpatrick1@glos.ac.uk](mailto:ckirkpatrick1@glos.ac.uk) if you would like to attend, or have any questions.**

**Alternatively, Clare will also be delighted to have an informal, individual conversation if you are unable to attend the sessions.**

# SOCIAL PRESCRIBING LINK WORKER (SPLW) CLINICAL SUPERVISION – CASE STUDIES



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**The training hub and ICB would like to share best practice around how Primary Care Networks (PCNs) are providing clinical supervision to their SPLW colleagues.**

Our goal is to gather a collection of insightful case studies that we can then share with other PCNs to support and enhance their practices. If you have any exceptional examples or know of any innovative approaches being implemented, **we would love to hear from you, please contact [glicb.pcwc@nhs.net](mailto:glicb.pcwc@nhs.net).**

**Your contributions will be invaluable in helping us build a resource that can benefit many.**

# CARE FIRST SUPPORT OFFER



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**The ICB currently funds access for Primary Care colleagues in Gloucestershire to Care First's Mental Health & Wellbeing range of support offers. This includes;**

**Emotional Support 24/7**, 365 days a year with "in the moment" support (Single Session Therapy) to discuss any work or home related issue confidentially **Telephone; 0800 174 319**

The above **may lead to short-term structured counselling of up to 6 sessions** via telephone, video, or Face to Face, if required

**Citizens Advice Bureau Trained Information Specialists** – Wide range of issues covered including legal, family matters, and probate.

**Care first Lifestyle Website** – [Carefirst Lifestyle](#)

**Log in details can be found below.** To access this service, you must use these details, but please keep confidential and only share if requested with Gloucestershire Primary Care colleagues.

**Lifestyle platform login details:**

**Username:** Gloucestershire

**Password:** GPSTAFF

# 'TIME TO TALK' DAY



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**Thursday 5th February was 'Time to Talk' Day, a day focused on raising awareness of the importance of talking about our mental health and wellbeing.** We understand that starting conversations about mental health can feel daunting, so we are recommending the Mind website for tips for both supporting someone else and for sharing your own feelings with others: **[Time to Talk Day - Mind](#)**.

**Gloucestershire Primary Care Training Hub have a page dedicated to [Health and Wellbeing on our website](#), that holds various resources including:**

- Care First Support Offer details - Emotional Support 24/7, 365 days a year
- Details of free NHS access to the Unmind App, extended until 30th June 2026
- Guidance for supporting the wellbeing needs of NHS Staff
- Resources to support on various topics including Bullying at Work, Tackling Loneliness and Social Isolation, Financial Support, Carers Support and more

## Further resources and information can be found on our **WEBSITE**

The events contained within this newsletter are compiled local, regional and national events. Some of these events are facilitated by our Team and others are run by external providers. While those provided by the NHS subscribe to NHS standards and are Free, many of the privately provided courses are not Free and the ICB and Primary Care Training Hub are not in a position to endorse or verify the quality of those courses but wishes to make this information available for users to make their own choices.

