

NEWSLETTER

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Reminder

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Cervical screening: programme and colposcopy management

Guidelines for commissioners, screening providers and programme managers for NHS cervical screening.



Click [here](#) for the most up to date guidance for cervical screening and colposcopy management.

National HPV vaccination catch-up campaign for 2025/26

The 2025/26 GP vaccination campaign is focused on HPV catch-up for 14-24-year-olds (inclusive). This aims to address declines, reduce variation in uptake and subsequent cancer prevalence.

Practices are asked to:

- Check all eligible patient immunisation records have been updated following notification of vaccination events
 - Invite those identified as unvaccinated aged 16-24 (inclusive) for vaccination
 - Update records for patients who do not respond to invites or attend appointments
 - Continue to offer opportunistic vaccination to anyone currently unvaccinated aged 14 or over
- This campaign runs until 31 March 2026.



RCN Webinars – click on topic to attend

16 April 2026, 1 - 2pm – Men's and women's health

16 July 2026, 1 - 2pm – Students and placements

15 October 2026, 1 - 2pm – Public health



Opportunity to join the Free National Association of Primary Care
<https://napc.co.uk/napc-membership/>





Are you a Student Nurse mentor in General Practice?



Please may I advise that I have received notification from the University of Gloucestershire to advise that with effect from 15th January 2026 , all undergraduate BSc Nursing Students completing venepuncture will be required to complete this procedure under the direct supervision of a Registered Healthcare Professional with appropriate skills and experience.

Although Registered Nursing Associates can supervise BSc Nursing students in Part 1 or Part 2 of their programme as a Practice Supervisor, Registered Nursing Associates cannot supervise a Nursing Student in Part 3 in any capacity. Registered Nursing Associates also cannot act as a Practice Assessor to any BSc Nursing Student.

Here is a link which the University have shared for further advice and guidance
<https://www.glos.ac.uk/practice-support/placement-support-and-information/>

Webpage : Standards for student supervision and assessment

- 2. Expectations of practice supervision Approved education institutions, together with practice learning partners, must ensure that:
 - 2.1 all students on an NMC approved programme are supervised while learning in practice
 - 2.2 there is support and oversight of practice supervision to ensure safe and effective learning
 - 2.3 the level of supervision provided to students reflects their learning needs and stage of learning
 - 2.4 practice supervision ensures safe and effective learning experiences that uphold public protection and the safety of people
 - 2.5 there is sufficient coordination and continuity of support and supervision of students to ensure safe and effective learning experiences
 - 2.6 practice supervision facilitates independent learning
 - 2.7 all students on an NMC approved programme are supervised in practice by NMC registered nurses, midwives, nursing associates, and other registered health and social care professionals.
- AND
- 3. Practice supervisors: role and responsibilities Approved education institutions, together with practice learning partners, must ensure that practice supervisors:
 - 3.1 serve as role models for safe and effective practice in line with their code of conduct
 - 3.2 support learning in line with their scope of practice to enable the student to meet their proficiencies and programme outcomes
 - 3.3 support and supervise students, providing feedback on their progress towards, and achievement of, proficiencies and skills
 - 3.4 have current knowledge and experience of the area in which they are providing support, supervision and feedback
 - 3.5 receive ongoing support to participate in the practice learning of students



[Video- Understanding student supervision and assessment](#)

Updated Measles guidance for healthcare services

As you will be aware there are rising measles cases confirmed in all regions, and outbreaks in London and the West Midlands. Please see summary from UKHSA dashboard.



[Measles | UKHSA data dashboard](#)

[NHS England » Measles guidance for healthcare services](#)





Change of vaccine for the routine adult pneumococcal vaccination programme and individuals at increased clinical risk letter

Please see some planned changes to pneumococcal vaccination programme for 2026, from UKHSA and NHS England. key points below, with link to changes. Please cascade to primary care nursing teams.

[Change of vaccine for the routine adult pneumococcal vaccination programme and individuals at increased clinical risk letter - GOV.UK](#)

Free Training Session

3M™ Cavilon™ Skin Care Solutions



Come and join us for a Cavilon Skin Care Solutions training session. All welcome - scan the QR code to register your attendance

Date	Multiple dates available
Location	Microsoft Teams
Time	11:00am - 12:00pm or 14:00pm - 15:00pm

2026 dates and times:

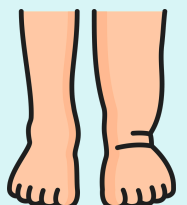
- Wednesday 24th June at 11.00am
- Wednesday 24th June at 2.00pm
- Tuesday 22nd September at 11.00am
- Tuesday 22nd September at 2.00pm
- Thursday 3rd December at 11.00am
- Thursday 3rd December at 2.00pm

Gloucestershire's Education & Training Standards for Managing Lower Limb Wounds Tier 2

Recently these education standards have been shared with you via email. All information is on the next page.

Please contact me to receive further detail if required at karis.ramsay1@nhs.net

- [Thursday 9th April - Pre-Doppler/Red Flags- Register here](#)
- [Thursday 14th May Wound Bed Preparation- Register here](#)
- [Thursday 18th June Chronic Oedema Assessment- Register here](#)



Please see below in relation to Gloucestershire’s Education & Training Standards for Managing Lower Limb Wounds (Tier 2).

Below **Table 1** demonstrates the education required for Tier 2, please note that the e-Learning **MUST** be completed prior to booking onto **one** day Bandaging Practical Training **and one** day Doppler Practical Training (dates available below in **Table 3**. **Table 2** provides lunch and learn bitesize sessions for [Red Flags and Pre-doppler training](#), [Wound Bed Preparation](#) and [Chronic Oedema Assessment](#) all required as part of Gloucestershire’s Education & Training Standards for Managing Lower Limb Wounds.

Table 1

TIER 2 This is the minimum level of skill and knowledge that is required for practitioners assessing, diagnosing, developing treatment plans and reviewing healing for people with wounds as part of their job role.		
ELfH Tier 1 and 2 training		Every 2 years online
Red Flags and Pre–doppler (immediate and necessary care) training (PATH)		Every 2 years online on PATH Website or Bitesize Lunchtime Education Session (dates in Table 2)
<u>2-day Leg Ulcer Management Course (In development)</u> Including Doppler theory/practice, and applying compression hosiery, wraps and bandaging theory/practice		Every 2 years face to face
Doppler competency assessment		As necessary
Compression bandaging competency assessment		As necessary
	Wound Bed Preparation (PATH)	Every 2 years online on PATH Website or Bitesize Lunchtime Education Session (dates in Table 2)
	Chronic Oedema Assessment (PATH)	Every 2 years online on PATH Website or Bitesize Lunchtime Education Session (dates in Table 2)

Table 2-

Date

Thursday 9th April - Pre-Doppler/Red Flags- Register here

Thursday 14th May Wound Bed Preparation- Register here

Thursday 18th June Chronic Oedema Assessment- Register here

To book onto the bitesize lunch and learn sessions on your preferred dates 1-2pm please Ctrl+Click on your desired date/topic.

For further dates contact:
joe.emms@essity.com

Table 3- To BOOK your Doppler Practical Training AND your Bandaging Practical Training please contact stating the dates you wish to attend:

Email: Learning@ghc.nhs.uk

Tel: 0300 421 8104

*****PLEASE NOTE, YOU MUST HAVE COMPLETED THE ABOVE E-LEARNING PRIOR TO ATTENDING PRACTICAL SESSIONS, YOU WILL BE ASKED FOR PROOF OF THIS ON THE DAY*****

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Location</u>
08/04/2026 8.45-4.30	Doppler Practical Training	Stroud Hospital- Post Grad Room
29/04/2026 8.45-4.30	Bandaging Practical Training	Cirencester Hospital Seminar Room
06/05/2026 8.45-4.30	Doppler Practical Training	Cirencester Hospital Seminar Room
20/05/2026 8.45-4.30	Bandaging Practical Training	Cirencester Hospital Seminar Room
03/06/2026 8.45-4.30	Doppler Practical Training	The Group Room Forest of Dean Hosp
24/06/2026 8.45-4.30	Bandaging Practical Training	The Group Room Forest of Dean Hosp
01/07/2026 8.45-4.30	Doppler Practical Training	The Vale
29/07/2026 8.45-4.30	Bandaging Practical Training	The Vale
09/09/2026 8.45-4.30	Doppler Practical Training	Stroud Hospital- Post Grad Room
30/09/2026 8.45-4.30	Bandaging Practical Training	Cirencester Hospital Seminar Room
07/10/2026 8.45-4.30	Doppler Practical Training	The Vale
28/10/2026 8.45-4.30	Bandaging Practical Training	The Vale
04/11/2026 8.45-4.30	Doppler Practical Training	Cirencester Hospital Seminar Room
18/11/2026 8.45-4.30	Bandaging Practical Training	Cirencester Hospital Seminar Room
02/12/2026 8.45-4.30	Doppler Practical Training	The Group Room Forest of Dean Hosp
16/12/2026 8.45-4.30	Bandaging Practical Training	The Group Room Forest of Dean Hosp



Preceptorship Programme 2026



Calling all Practices in Gloucestershire
'Are you a new GPN/Nursing Associate in your practice who would benefit from gaining core skills in Primary Care?

Gloucestershire Primary Care Training Hub is offering a 6 month fully funded Preceptorship Programme including essential clinical and non-clinical skills for any GPN's/Nursing Associates new to Primary Care'.

Start date: 01 April 2026

For further information and to book a place please contact:
mashel.banks@nhs.net



Quality Improvement: funding available

The RCN Foundation Quality Improvement Project supports nursing and midwifery-led projects that aim to improve patient care and safety, and help in addressing health inequalities.

You do not need to be an RCN member to apply.



Grants of up to £2,500 available



Applications close on Monday 6 April at 5pm



Apply online

Eight grants of up to £2,500 are available – more information regarding eligibility, successful projects from 2025 and how to apply can be [found on our website](#).

The deadline to apply is **5pm on Monday 6 April**.

Any questions, please contact Rosie Email: rosie.west@rcnfoundation.org.uk



Overcoming the challenges in contraception

15th April 2026 12:30pm - 2:00pm

Presented by: Dr Zoe Saunders MBBS BSc (hons), PG Award in Health Professionals Education, DCSRH, LoC SDI, LOC IUT..... Specialty Doctor Sexual & Reproductive Health based at Hampshire and Isle of Wight Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust College Registered Trainer, Legacy Solent SAS Tutor, HIOWH SAS Advocate.

This meeting will be an online webinar, dial in options will be provided once registered.

Click [here](#) to register

myCOPD – Free Licences Available

As part of our winter respiratory campaign, we would like to remind practices that the ICB has around 1,000 free myCOPD licences available for primary care to issue to patients.

myCOPD is a digital app designed to support people living with COPD, providing lifelong access once a patient is registered. The app is now NICE-recommended for self-management and pulmonary rehabilitation, and includes:

Easy-to-follow inhaler technique videos

Online pulmonary rehabilitation exercise sessions

Educational modules covering breathlessness, medication, chest clearance and more

Self-management plans, activity tracking and inhaler diaries

To issue a licence, please email Gloucestershire Digi Hubs at community@fvaf.org.uk with the subject line “myCOPD app”.

The Digi Hubs team can support you with the sign-up process, provide demonstrations, and offer 1:1 onboarding for patients.

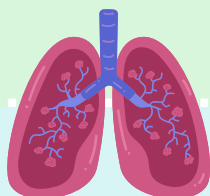
Quote from Gloucestershire Digi Hubs:

“The Digi Hubs team is proud to support the rollout of the myCOPD app and aid the removal of barriers by offering personalised 1:1 onboarding and ongoing support to patients across our hub network. We’re here to make sure patients feel confident using the app and can access its full benefits.”

You can find more information about the app here: myCOPD: The COPD app for controlling your symptoms, however if you require further information please contact Fran Mason-Rowland (fran.mason-rowland@nhs.net)

Please note that practices will not be expected to provide clinical support once patients are registered.

Technical support is available directly from the app provider.



Diabetes Education

[to book please email:stickland_james@lilly.com](mailto:stickland_james@lilly.com)

<p>Session 5: Thursday 16th April 0900-1130</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insulin for the treatment of Type 2 Diabetes
<p>Session 6: Thursday 30th April 0900-1130</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optimisation and Daily Management of insulin therapy



A skills focused study day for health and care staff

Thursday 16 April 2026

09:00 –16:30

The Pavillion Community and Conference Centre, GL51 6PN

You are invited to a one-day study event focused on identifying, communicating, and managing uncertainty in practice. This is available to anyone involved in caring for people, but especially those staff supporting people who are living with a long-term condition or frailty or may be in the last year of life

The day brings together local and national speakers to explore uncertainty from clinical, psychological, and communication perspectives, with practical workshops, discussion and time for reflection. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Programme highlights:

- Keynote presentation, Claire Fuller
- Local work presentations including Dr Kate Tredgett and staff from Sue Ryder
 - Psychological Safety within and Across Teams, Dr Julie Highfield
 - Managing Uncertainty in Practice, Dr Helen Alexander
- Communication Workshop, Kath Rooksby (Clean Language) and Brenda Ward
 - Reflection Workshop, Tanya de Weymarn



Use the QR code to link to the event page and book your place.

For any queries please contact:

glicb.ageingwell@nhs.net



Health & Social Care postgraduate programmes and CPD opportunities

POSTGRADUATE HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE OPEN EVENTS

All events will take place at UoG's Oxstalls Campus, Gloucester:

- Wednesday 25 March: 10am - 12pm
- Saturday 25 April: 10am - 12pm
- Wednesday 13 May: 5.30-7.30pm

Are you ready to advance your career in health and social care? Our Postgraduate Health and Social Care open events are where you can discover the range of courses available at UoG and our expert academic staff can help you in your decision-making.

From course information, applications and pathway options to interviews, funding support and student experiences, these events are a chance to get to know us and start connecting with our learning community. We look forward to welcoming you.

You will get chance to find out more about our course options:

- MSc courses in Advanced Clinical Practice, Advanced Professional Practice and Health Psychology.
- Short courses for health professionals: Continue your professional development by studying a module of our postgraduate taught courses.
- Masters by Research in Health and Social Care.
- PhD in Health and Social Care.
- Professional Doctorate in Health and Social Care Leadership.



SCAN QR CODE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

Or contact us: postgraduate@glos.ac.uk

glos.ac.uk/HealthEvent

We are delighted to invite colleagues to our Gloucestershire NHS Nursing and Midwifery Celebration Service 2026

This year, we are holding a service for all nurses and midwives working in Gloucestershire to celebrate the dedication of all our NHS Nursing and Midwifery colleagues.

When and where...

- Location: Gloucester Cathedral
- Date: Wednesday 6 May 2026
- Time: 5.30pm

This inclusive service will reflect the diverse staff group we are proud to employ across the county, welcoming all faiths and beliefs.
Here is the video from last year's celebration event:



We look forward to celebrating together.
Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust
NHS Gloucestershire ICB



Now in its 18th year, Big Health Day returns on Thursday 11 June, 2026.

Time: 9.30am to 2pm

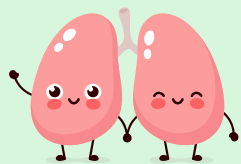
Place: Oxstalls Sports Park, Plock Court, Tewkesbury Road, Gloucester, GL2 9DW

Big Health Day is a fun and inclusive event for people of all ages with a physical or learning disability, autism, sensory loss, or mental health conditions – and their families and carers. It is an annual event which encourages everyone to participate in sport, physical exercise and social activities and to find out about services and organisations which can provide support. A range of health checks is on offer too.

Last year, we welcomed 1,600 attendees, with more than 100 stalls and also a dozen inclusive sports and activities. Around 120 volunteers help run the day, including students from Hartpury College and the University of Gloucestershire, making it a truly inclusive and impactful day, and this year, we continue with the focus on staying healthy, active, and connected.

Please come along, and help us by spreading the word with people from your surgery who might find it useful and fun. You can download a poster here: [Big Health Day 2026 poster](#) You can download a flyer here: [Big Health Day 2026 flyer](#) Our new updated website is here: [Big Health > Glos Health & Care NHS Foundation Trust](#)

For more information, please contact the Big Health Day team: BigHealthDay@ghc.nhs.uk. This is a system-wide event held under the 'One Gloucestershire' banner, organised by Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust.



Cambridge University Hospitals will be running a Practical Management of Breathlessness Virtual Study Day, scheduled for Thursday, 18th June 2026.

For full event details, please see the attached flyer.

Registration is now open and limited to 100 delegates, so early booking is recommended. The fee is £110 per person, and you can secure your place via Eventbrite using this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/practical-management-of-breathlessness-virtual-study-day-18th-june-2026-tickets-1983973159126?aff=oddtcreator>.

Unfortunately due to the current ICB financial constraints, we cannot offer funded or sponsored places. Feel free to share this invitation with interested colleagues.

Adult and Child Immunisation Update

We are pleased to now be offering an approved Adult and Child Immunisation Update, which has been accredited by CPD. This course meets the requirements of immunisation training standards as set out in the latest National Minimum Standards and Core Curriculum for Vaccination Training (UKHSA, June 2025).

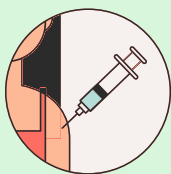
The course is delivered online and is recommended to be undertaken on an annual basis (UKHSA, 2025).

Our trainers are all very experienced nurses, each with over thirty years' experience. All have a wealth of knowledge in immunisations and have worked at the forefront of vaccination services in both secondary and primary care.

We have made the course informative in terms of its mandatory content, while also providing very practical elements to make the clinician's job of navigating the various immunisation pathways easier.

A certificate of attendance will be provided, as well as a factsheet with links to available tools and websites that will help vaccinators with any queries.

As you are aware, finding a cost effective immunisation update course is challenging so we are pleased to be able to offer this to you. Please share this with your nursing team.



Please click on the link below to see the available course dates.

Click [here](#) to book

Apprenticeship Opportunities!



There is an Apprenticeship for everyone at any stage of their Career ! Please review the following funded Apprenticeship opportunities for your consideration.

- Level 3 – Manage with Impact – [Click here for further information.](#)
- Level 5 – Lead with Impact – [Click here for further information.](#)
- Level 4 – Project Management – [Click here for further information.](#)

For more information, please visit our dedicated Apprenticeship page on - [Apprenticeships - Gloucestershire Primary Care Workforce Centre](#)

Apprenticeship Week 2026 – Throughout Apprenticeship Week we will be sharing various resources including Case Studies, Apprenticeship Opportunities and launching the Gloucestershire Primary Care Training Hub Apprenticeship Awards 2026. Subscribe to our Social Media Channels where we will be posting across the week.

Gloucestershire Primary Care Training hub website: [Gloucestershire Primary Care Workforce Centre | Primary Care Resources \(glosprimarycare.co.uk\)](#)

Looking for Training and Development opportunities ? Access our Training Directory [here](#).

Core Standards & Training Updates



UKHSA National Minimum Standards for immunisation training 2025.pdf

Regions to review

links/relationships with current regional immunisation teams, and oversight of commissioning offers for training and education in their ICBs

Amend regulations to support the supply and deployment of vaccines - GOV.UK

Regions to be aware of impact for NA role schedule 17 and 247a. Locally offers to incorporate legal mechanisms into training plans.

PGDs in practice explainer videos – SPS - Specialist Pharmacy Service – The first stop for professional medicines advice

Webinar: upcoming changes to the routine childhood immunisation schedule : Cascade to Primary and Community Teams please!

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) Immunisation Team, in collaboration with NHS England, is hosting a webinar at 2 - 3.15pm on 3 December 2025, to inform colleagues of the second phase of the changes to the routine childhood vaccination schedule which will be implemented from January 2026. This will include the introduction of a varicella (chickenpox) vaccination programme (MMRV) and a new routine vaccination appointment at 18 months of age.

This webinar is aimed at health professionals involved in the commissioning and delivery of childhood immunisations including those working in primary care, screening and immunisation teams, health visiting teams and integrated care boards (ICBs). Colleagues should register their interest via Microsoft Forms. This webinar will be recorded.

Changes to Childhood Vaccination Programme

Changes to routine childhood schedule announced in the GP contract

- Children turning 12 months on or after 1 January 2026 will receive two doses of MMRV (at 12 and 18 months).
- Children turning 18 months on or after 1 January 2026 will receive one dose of MMRV (to complete their two-dose MMR schedule).
- Children aged 18 months to 3 years 4 months on 1 January 2026 will receive one dose of MMRV instead of their 2nd MMR dose. Of this cohort:
 - those aged 18 months to 2 years 6 months will be invited to a brought forward appointment for their 2nd MMR dose (as MMRV) between 1 January 2026 and 31 October 2026
 - those aged 2 years 7 months to 3 years 4 months on 1 January 2026 will receive their 2nd MMR dose (as MMRV) at their existing scheduled 3 years 4 months appointment before 31 October 2026.
- Children aged 3 years 4 months to less than 6 years will be invited for a universal single catch-up dose of MMRV. Appointments to be scheduled from 1 January 2026 and completed by 31 March 2027.
- Children aged 6 years to less than 11 years will be invited to receive a single dose of MMRV if they have no history of chicken pox. Appointments to be scheduled from 1 January 2026 and completed by 31 March 2027.
- From 1 April 2027, an opportunistic or on request offer will remain for varicella (as a single dose of MMRV) to all children aged 3 years 4 months to less than 11 years before 1 January 2026 who have no history of chicken pox.

Source: NHS England