

NEWSLETTER

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Reminder

When does your NMC pin expire?

Are all your contact and banking details correct?

Click [here](#) to check all your details now



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 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:

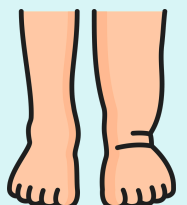
- Wednesday 24th June at 11.00am
- Wednesday 24th June at 2.00pm
- Tuesday 22nd September at 11.00am
- Tuesday 22nd September at 2.00pm
- Thursday 3rd December at 11.00am
- Thursday 3rd December at 2.00pm

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 14th May Wound Bed Preparation- Register here](#)
- [Thursday 18th June Chronic Oedema Assessment- Register here](#)
- [Thursday 16th July Immediate & Necessary Care/Pre-Doppler](#)



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 14th May Wound Bed Preparation- Register here

Thursday 18th June Chronic Oedema Assessment- Register here

Thursday 16th July Immediate & Necessary Care/Pre-Doppler

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

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



Introduction to Dermatology in Primary Care

Dr Chin Whybrew

Thursday 7th May 12.30-2.30pm

Dermatology in primary care nursing – a forgotten story...

A patient comes in for a smear test and has strange looking skin down below – what do all smear takers need to know about vulval skin conditions?

Those funny leg ulcers that don't look quite right – what should you be thinking about?

What's the spot on the top of this man's head that you notice at his diabetic foot check?

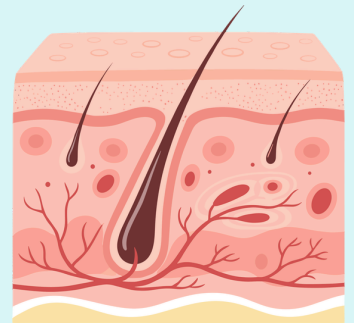
When and how should you take skin scrapes and swabs of skin lesions?

I will try my best to answer all of the above questions, and lead you on to ask... how can I learn more dermatology now I feel inspired?

Expression of interest for -
Introduction to Dermatology in
Primary Care Dr Chin Whybrew



Click [here](#) to register or scan QR code below



Counselling on intrauterine contraception (IUC)

7th May 2026 12:30pm - 2:00pm

Presented by: Dr Laura Patterson Mb ChB MRCGP BA

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

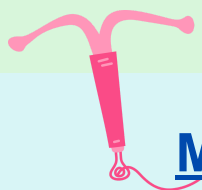
Designed for primary and secondary care clinicians in Gloucestershire: GPs, hospital doctors, nurses, and pharmacists



[Register here](#)

Mirena patient support leaflet, now available in 10
languages

[Click here to view](#)



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).

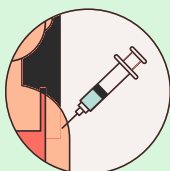
The course is delivered online and is recommended to be undertaken on an annual basis (UKHSA, 2025).

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

Bayer IUT Fitter Forum- Gloucestershire

2nd June 2026 1:00pm - 2:00pm

I'm delighted to invite you to the educational webinar entitled Bayer IUT Fitter Forum, designed to bring together healthcare professionals involved in the management of Women's health.

Presented by Dr Laura Patterson

Click [here](#) to request an invite to this meeting

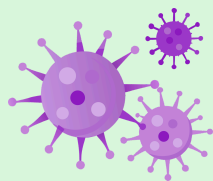


Infection Prevention Control- General Practice Annual Update

Thursday 28th May 12.30-1.30pm

Join Leslie MacLeod-Downes for an IPC GP annual update online.

To register, email karis.ramsay1@nhs.net





Fully funded Independent Prescribing course

NHSE have confirmed funding for a limited number of places on UWE's Independent Prescribing Course starting in September 2026 (application closing date 28th July 2026) and January 2027 (application closing date 2nd December 2026).

The programme comprises of 26 days of learning. There are 14 online contact days and 12 directed learning days where learners are required to undertake set activities. In addition, learners undertake 90 hours of supervised learning in practice. This programme requires a 100% attendance and approximately 400 hours of private study.

Please note that any applicants will need a DPP and DPS in place for supervision – details of the role of both are copied below. For detailed information about the course and how to apply, please visit the UWE website, directly [here](#).

Please speak to UWE directly on the following email: pd@uwe.ac.uk or Telephone: +44 (0)117 32 81158 if you have any questions about the course content/commitment.

For more information about DPP (Designated Prescribing Practitioner) and DPS (Designated Prescribing Supervisor), please click on the link below.

Add in link here to full information as per email this one is attached to.

As places are fully funded and limited, we strongly recommend early application. For any other queries, please contact the Primary Care Training hub on glicb.pcwc@nhs.net

Gloucestershire Primary Care Training Hub.





Education available through Network for Practices

May 2026					
05/05/2026	Adult & Child Imms Update	Zoom	FULL	0930-1400	£80 / £125
06/05/2026	Adult & Child Imms Update	Zoom	FULL	0930-1400	£80 / £125
08/05/2026	Introduction to Hypertension	Zoom	8	0930-1600	£105 / £150
12 & 19/05/2026	Introduction to Travel Health	Zoom	1	0915-1700	£175 / £220
12/05/2026	Prostap (Leuprorelin) Hormone Injection Training	Zoom	FULL	0900-1230	£60 / £105
12/05/2026	Interpreting Spirometry Training	BA14 6JX	3	0930-1630	£105 / £150
13/05/2026	NMP Update	Zoom	FULL	0930-1600	£105 / £150
14/05/2026	Core Immunisations Training for HCAs & HCPs (inc. TNA, NA & GPA)	Zoom	4	0930-1230	£50 / £95
19/05/2026	Ear Irrigation & Instrumentation Training	SN3 2EZ	10	0930-1630	See flyer
22/05/2026	Hypertension Update	Zoom	5	0930-1300	£65 / £110
June 2026					
02/06/2026	Prostap (Leuprorelin) Hormone Injection Training	Zoom	4	0900-1230	£60 / £105
05/06/2026	Introduction to Atrial Fibrillation & Stroke Prevention	Zoom	12	0930-1600	£105 / £150
08/06/2026	Menopause Update	Zoom	6	0930-1600	£120 / £165
10/06/2026	NMP Update	Zoom	FULL	0930-1600	£105 / £150
16/06/2026	Travel Health Update	Zoom	FULL	0900-1400	£75 / £120
18/06/2026	Otoscopy & Ear Irrigation Skills Update	Zoom	7	0930-1330	£105 / £150
19/06/2026	Atrial Fibrillation & Stroke Prevention Update	Zoom	10	0930-1300	£65 / £110
23/06/2026	Respiratory Examinations	BA14 6JX	10	0930-1630	£105 / £150
24/06/2026	Wound Management Update	Zoom	4	0930-1600	£105 / £150
25/06/2026	Asthma Update	Zoom	10	0930-1200	£45 / £90
30/06/2026	Influenza Vaccination Training for HCAs & Allied HCPs	Zoom	7	0900-1230	£65 / £110
30/06/2026	Children & Young People Asthma Training Day	BA14 6JX	8	0930-1630	£105 / £150

To book any of these sessions please click this link-
<https://www.networkforpractices.co.uk/clinical>
*****Please note, these need to be self funded*****



AN INTRODUCTION TO LYMPHOEDEMA STUDY DAY

AIMED AT NON-LYMPHOEDEMA SPECIALISTS

4TH JUNE 2026 | VILLAGE HOTEL, FILTON, BRISTOL BS34 6FG

5TH OCTOBER 2026 | CHESTER RACECOURSE, CHESTER, CH1 4JD

The content is identical at both venues, so please select the location that is most convenient for you.

The British Lymphology Society is holding a free Introduction to Lymphoedema Study Day on Thursday 4th June, at the Village Hotel, Filton, Bristol, BS34 6FG. Geared to non-lymphoedema specialists, the expert speakers will provide people with the skills to identify, manage and support patients with this chronic condition. The Study Day is targeted at non-lymphoedema specialist healthcare professionals who may come into contact with people with lymphoedema or those at risk of developing lymphoedema, e.g. GP's, Oncologists, District Nurses, Community Nurses, Pharmacists, Tissue Viability Nurses, Allied Health Care Professionals (AHP's), Cancer Site Specific Nurse Specialists, Advanced Nurse Practitioners (ANPs), Podiatrists & Physiotherapists.

What they will learn:

- Lymphoedema Basics: Key differences and causes, including primary, secondary, and drug-induced oedema.
- Cellulitis & Inflammation: How to recognise and manage these conditions when they overlap with lymphoedema.
- Assessment & Examination Skills: How to assess lymphoedema and take accurate limb measurements.
- Treatment Overview: Practical approaches to patient-centred care, self-care strategies, and weight management.
- Skin Care & Exercise: Tips for preventing complications and introducing movement strategies for better outcomes

This will be our second study day, and the first was rated higher than any other event we have held. One delegate said:

"I've never been to a study day so expertly delivered with so much high quality information where every single speaker was of such a high calibre. Feel very fortunate to have gotten a free spot- it was an invaluable day of education with true experts. I was engaged all day- you didn't lose my attention once. Thank you for your efforts."

The flyer for the event is attached, and delegates can register here <https://sites.google.com/thebls.com/an-introduction-to-lymphoedema/home>



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

[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.

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

Time: 9.30am to 2pm

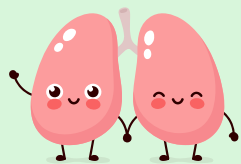
Place: Oxstalls Sports Park, Plock Court, Tewkesbury Road, Gloucester, GL2 9DW

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.

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



RCN Foundation Professional Bursary Scheme

For courses or modules starting between September 2026 and September 2027. Applications close at 5pm on 13 May.

Are you about thinking of taking a course to improve your skills?

Grants of up to £1,600 are available to support your continuous professional development.

Laptops and books are now considered eligible costs. Should your application be successful, a proof of purchase will be required prior to grant payment.

To apply, you must be undertaking a UK accredited course that starts between September 2026 and September 2027. Please do not apply if your course falls out of these dates.

To apply for the funding, you need to be either a:

- UK registered nurse
- UK registered midwife
- Healthcare support worker
- Direct entry nursing associate in the UK (not apprentice nursing associates)
- Maternity assistant
- Care worker

Student nurses and nurse apprentices are not eligible to apply.

Funding for cancer nurses

Following a successful funding partnership with [DKMS](#), the international charity dedicated to the fight against blood cancer and blood disorders, we are encouraging UK registered nurses to apply for oncology and haematology courses to help advance their continuous professional development

Additional information

A key focus area for the RCN Foundation is addressing health inequalities and we are interested to receive applications from geographical areas in the UK that have high levels of health inequalities.

For more information, please look at our updated [FAQs section](#).

How to apply

To apply for the RCN Foundation Professional Bursary Scheme, click [here](#).

Applications close at 5pm on 13 May.