

NEWSLETTER



Reminder

When does your NMC pin expire?

Are all your contact and banking details correct?

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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 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.
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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:

- 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. For any other info regarding these sessions contact joe.emms@essity.com

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

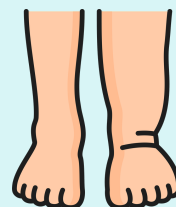
Thursday 13th August Wound Bed Preparation

Thursday 17th September Chronic Oedema

Thursday 15th October Immediate & Necessary Care/Pre-Doppler

Thursday 12th November Wound Bed Preparation

Thursday 10th December Chronic Oedema



[Education training standards on the next page](#)

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

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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>
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

Wound Care Education Sessions

2026

Join Jo-Anna for lunch & learn sessions on wound care. To book follow instructions below. Session include;

- Wound Healing and Wound Assessment
- Dressing Selection
- Exudate Management
- Wound Infection and Biofilms
- Legal Aspects of Wound Management
- Inflammation vs Infection and Current Practice in Wound Cleansing
- Skin Tears
- Pain Management in Wound Care
- Chronic and Complex Wound Care
- Hidradenitis Suppurativa
- Diabetic Foot Ulcers and Malignant Wounds



60 Minute Education Series **WOUND CARE WISDOM**

Join our FREE bite-sized education sessions this Autumn, designed to explore key areas of wound management. Each online session is just one hour, and you're welcome to attend as many as you like. Book your place TODAY!



To book please scan the QR code 
or visit www.bit.ly/woundcarewisdom



Do you have a question?
Please contact jo-anna.grove@mediq.co.uk

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NMP Update

Due to high demand, I have scheduled another NMP Update, before the summer (full details attached):

 8th July 2026

 0930-1630

 via the Zoom online platform

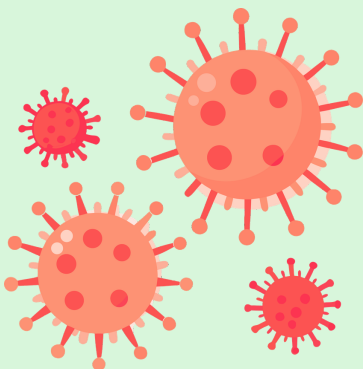
 Members of NfP £105 / non-Members £150

How to book - ★ Discover our new Booking Platform ★ - [Medtribe](#)

[Either click on the link in the attached, or if you are ready to book, just click here NMP Update.](#)



Annual Infection Prevention Control Update for General Practice



Thursday 16th July 2026 12.30-1.30pm online

To book please email- leslie.macleod-downes@nhs.net

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).

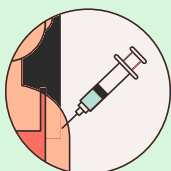
Our trainers are all very experienced nurses, each with over thirty years' experience. All have a wealth of knowledge in immunisations and have worked at the forefront of vaccination services in both secondary and primary care.

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.

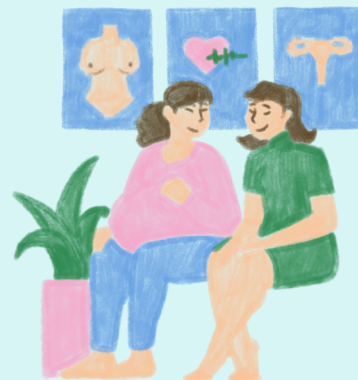


Click [here](#) to book

Women's Health Sessions 2026

with Dr Laura Patterson

09/09/2026	Menstrual cycle and irregular bleeding- increase your confidence talking to patients about the menstrual cycle, understand the variations of normal and red flags and increase skills at the assessment of when the bleeding becomes irregular
30/09/2026	Menopause and HRT - some practical tips for our patients in primary care and keep up to date with new guidance
14/10/2026	Integrate sexual health into everyday practice in primary care - improve confidence in undertaking a sexual health assessment, increase understanding as to who is at the highest risk and consider trauma informed approach to the discussion and examination
21/10/2026	Injectable progestogens - Consider the new UKMEC guidance for injectable progestogens, consider how to facilitate patients to learn how to self administer Sayana Press and consider the guidance about bone health and mood changes
04/11/2026	Contraception and Raised BMI - In country where there the overweight and obese population is increasing what do we need to consider with regard to contraception, understand which contraception is safe and which is effective in this population
11/11/2026	Combined contraceptive pill checks - increase your confidence when doing a check, what else needs consideration and how to support your patients to consider LARC conversations
09/12/2026	Then I wondered if something for those clinicians , HCA's etc who support the coil fitters. They get little support for this role and it is increasingly important in terms of ease of fitting and pain management - Not sure how we would reach this population but let me know if this would be helpful How to create an anxiety free environment for coil fitting in primary care - how can you support your patients well, how can you support your fitters and your role in reducing pain and anxiety associated with fitting



Booking will be available soon via

<https://glosprimarycare.co.uk/cpd-training>



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.

<https://glosprimarycare.co.uk/news/fully-funded-independent-prescribing-course>





Preceptorship Programme September 2026

Calling all Practices in Gloucestershire

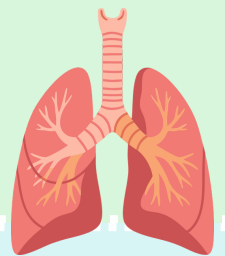
‘Are you a new GPN/Nursing Associate in your practice who would benefit from gaining core skills in Primary Care?’

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: September 2026



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



Primary Care Respiratory Study Day - Save the Date - Monday 30th November 2026

We are pleased to announce a study day to update primary care respiratory practitioners (practice nurses, pharmacists, GPs, physios, and anyone who works with respiratory patients).

The programme will be confirmed, but topics to include initial approaches, updates in management and when to refer for asthma, COPD, bronchiectasis, breathlessness and chronic cough management, pulmonary rehab and oxygen.

To express interest, and reserve your place, please email: glicb.pcwc@nhs.net

This will be an in person event only, at Sandford Education Centre at Cheltenham General Hospital.

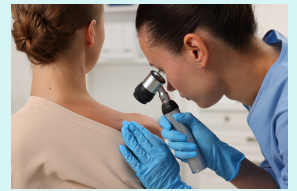
Dermoscopy course and how to sign up:

When -

Session 1: 24th September 2026 - 09:30-13:00

Session 2: 22nd October 2026 - 09:30-13:00

Session 3: 26th November 2026 - 09:30-13:00



Where - Delivered online via Zoom. Please register for a place using the online form link below. The link for the sessions you have requested to attend will be sent out a few days before the session. Please note the sessions will not be recorded so if you sign up, you must attend on the day.

Who - Any clinician in primary care assessing skin lesions within SWAG.

Overview – I am a GP in Cheltenham with a passion for primary care dermatology, and dermoscopy in particular. I have been teaching dermoscopy since 2012, for the Cardiff dermoscopy course, Primary Care Dermatology Society and independently for practices and ICBs across the UK.

- If you have had no dermoscopy education you need to start with the first session and ideally attend all three
- If you have had some education then you are free to join any session

Session 1 (Beginners) - How dermoscopy works and practical tips, including how to get good dermoscopy photos and troubleshooting tips - A practical demonstration of the commonly used scopes. This includes how to turn it on, focus it, charge it, clean it etc. - Interpretation of dermoscopic structures in benign lesions (seb K, angiomas, warts, dermatofibromas, sebaceous hyperplasia, comedones), BCCs and melanomas (and how this always needs to be taken in clinical context) - How to put it all together into a simple algorithm - Other uses of dermoscopy in primary care.

Session 2 (Beginners) - This is the follow up session from part 1, and there is a recommendation to handle the scope for several weeks in between the two parts. - Recap of how to use the scope, benign lesions and BCCs - Actinic keratosis, Bowens and SCC - Special sites – palms and soles, faces - More about naevi and melanomas - More BCCs including pigmented and superficial BCCs.

Session 3 (Not So Beginners) - This is the follow up session from parts 1 and 2, and there is a recommendation to practice with the scope for several weeks in between the first two parts and the third part. - Recap of how to use the scope, benign lesions and BCCs - Introducing a few new lesions - More features/unusual presentations of common lesions - Lots of practice!

If you are interested in attending, please use this form to register - [SWAG Wide Dermoscopy Training with Dr Chin Whybrew – Fill in form](#)



Please feel free to distribute this out to your primary care colleagues.

If you have any trouble using the link please email

Leah Pearson

Leah.Pearson@nbt.nhs.uk



www.networkforpractices.co.uk

Trainer Information

Hanna Smith An experienced Practitioner

Specialist Nurse
Within General Practice, splitting her time between clinical sessions

and education. Hanna runs nurse-led clinics specialising in women's health and is Director of BBO Training Ltd.

Hanna holds various qualifications within nursing and education; she is an implant and coil fitter and College Registered Trainer (CRT) and General training Programme Director (GTPD) for the College of Reproductive and Sexual Health. As a nurse prescriber Hanna runs nurse-led clinics for women's health including contraception, menopause, prolapse and pessary and general women's health management.

To book a place using the new booking platform (Medtribe), click the following link:

Cytology Update

You will be required to sign up for this free service the first time you

book; alternatively, visit <https://medtribe.com> to get started.

Please ensure you have permission before booking. If external funding, the cost of this training must be met by your surgery or, where appropriate, through self-funding.

All T & C's are on the Medtribe site.

Cytology Update

(RCN accredited with BBO training, delivered in partnership with Network for Practices)

Date: 14th October 2026
Times: 0915-1300
Venue: Zoom Online Platform
Places available: 15
Fee/s: NfP Members £70 / Non-Members £115

This workshop is suitable for: Practice Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Advanced Clinical Practitioners, General Practitioners and Sexual Health Clinicians who must already be trained and competent in cervical sample taking. This is an update course and does not provide initial training.

Introduction

This half-day Cervical Cytology Update course is designed for healthcare professionals who are already trained cervical sample takers and require an update in line with NHS Cervical Screening Programme (NHSCSP) requirements. The session provides a comprehensive, evidence-based update on cervical screening practice, including the 2025 changes to screening intervals, HPV primary screening, and programme developments. Participants will explore current guidance relating to screening eligibility, appropriate testing, interpretation of results, and referral pathways. The course also focuses on practical aspects of sample taking, governance responsibilities, and the application of guidance within real-world clinical settings.

Teaching is case-based and clinically focused, supporting safe decision-making, reflective practice, and confidence in delivering high-quality cervical screening.

What This Course Covers

- NHS Cervical Screening Programme overview and current policy
- HPV primary screening and cytology triage
- 2025 changes to screening intervals and eligibility
- Interpretation of HPV and cytology results
- Identifying when screening is appropriate and when referral is required
- Practical aspects of sample taking and transformation zone sampling
- Use of equipment and optimising sample quality
- Managing complex and special populations
- Addressing barriers to screening and improving uptake
- Documentation, audit, and sample taker responsibilities
- Failsafe systems and incident management

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Discover our new Booking Platform

Medtribe

Medtribe is a platform dedicated to the healthcare sector that makes it easier to book training sessions, store certificates, access resources, and more. We will be trialling this system over the coming months with several courses, before committing to a full switch over to the service.

You will be required to sign up for this free service the first time you book; alternatively, visit <https://medtribe.com> to get started

Where appropriate, recent programme developments and emerging evidence are discussed to ensure clinicians remain current and confident in practice.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Apply current NHSCSP guidance to cervical screening practice
- Implement the 2025 extended screening interval pathway appropriately
- Identify when cervical screening is indicated and when alternative referral pathways are required
- Interpret HPV and cytology results within the screening pathway
- Demonstrate understanding of governance, documentation and failsafe responsibilities
- Reflect on individual practice and identify areas for ongoing professional development

RCN accreditation is applied to educational content and cannot confirm the competence of any practitioner

This session is kindly sponsored by the following:

0925-0930 : Virtual Promotional Product Presentation by TBC

The above company has sponsored this session by way of a promotional presentation and have had no input into the agenda or speaker

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