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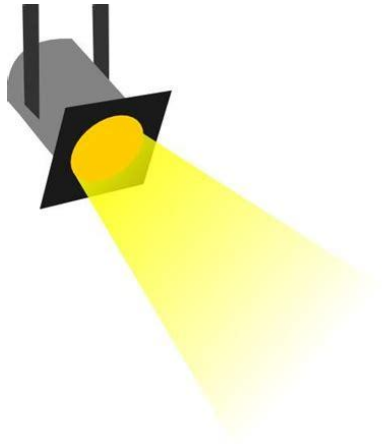
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UPCOMING EVENTS

GLOUCESTERSHIRE PRIMARY CARE TRAINING HUB

Spotlighted Events

Several Dates – Virtual/In Person	Primary Care Development Pathway	For full information please click **here.**
Thursday 19th November – In Person event	Personalised Care Away Day	For full information please click **here.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Tuesday 10th November – 09:30 – 12:00	Managing Challenging Conversations
Tuesday 10th November – 13:00 – 15:30	Positive Care Navigation Conversations
Tuesday 17th November – 13:00 – 14:00	Necrotising Fasciitis – Wound Care Wisdom Series
Wednesday 18th November – 08:45 – 16:15	Bandaging Practical Training
Monday 30th November – 09:00 – 16:00	Primary Care Respiratory Study Day
Wednesday 9th December – 13:00 - 14:00	Supporting coil fitting in Primary Care
Thursday 10th December – 13:00 – 14:00	Chronic Oedema Assessment – Tiers 2 & 3

Access our Training & Events Calendar HERE for all Training & Development opportunities.

PRACTICE NURSES AND PRIMARY CARE HEALTH STAFF – OCTOBER **NEWSLETTER**

GLOUCESTERSHIRE PRIMARY CARE TRAINING HUB

Highlights include;

- Training and Events Calendar
- Type 2 Diabetes Educational Event
- Introduction to Heart Failure – Educational Webinar
- CPD Long Term Conditions – Training Needs Assessment
- Nursing Website Pages
- National Training Survey
- Cervical Screening: programme & colposcopy management
- Student Nurse Mentor updated guidance



To access the Newsletter please click here.

PRIMARY CARE DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY – FREE WORKSHOPS

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PRIMARY CARE DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY

Gloucestershire Primary Care Training Hub are excited to be offering FREE workshops for the whole Practice Team, register now for one of the upcoming Team and Leadership workshops listed below.

- **'Mindset Matters'** - Wednesday 24th February, 09:30-12:00 via Zoom – click here for more info and to book
- **'Stepping into Leadership'** – Tuesday 26th January, 09:30-12:00 at The Pavilion – click here for more info and to book
- **'Managing Challenging Conversations'** – Tuesday 10th November, 09:30-12:00 at Churchdown Community Association – click here for more info and to book
- **'Maintaining Performance & Accountability in Teams'** – Wednesday 18th November, 09:30-12:00 at The Pavilion, Hatherley Lane, Cheltenham GL51 6PN & Wednesday 10th February, 09:30-12:00 via Zoom – click here for more info and to book
- **'Confident & Positive Patient Communications in Primary'** click here for more info and to book – Thursday 28th January, 09:30-12:00 via Zoom –

The training hub are also excited to be offering to bring **dedicated Primary Care Development Pathway Team workshops directly to practices or PCNs at PLT, practice, or PCN meetings.** This offer will support the release of staff and help colleagues from across the county to access these brilliant training and development opportunities. For more information or to book a practice/ PCN workshop please contact **glicb.pcwc@nhs.net**

Should you have any queries regarding the Primary Care Development Pathway please contact glicb.pcwc@nhs.net

WOMEN'S HEALTH WEDNESDAYS – GPN FUNDAMENTAL WEBINARS

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Gloucestershire Primary Care Training Hub are pleased to announce a **women's health series of training webinars.**

Most webinars **are aimed at nurses; however other clinicians are welcome to attend if of interest.** We also have a webinar for staff **assisting coil fits that might be suitable for HCAs.**

Sessions are being led by Dr Laura Patterson an experienced local GP with an interest in women's health and a College Registered Trainer for the College of Sexual and Reproductive Health.

For full information regarding remaining sessions, including the topic, date/time and how to book, please click here.



FULLY FUNDED INDEPENDENT PRESCRIBING COURSE

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NHSE have confirmed funding for a limited number of places on **UWE's Independent Prescribing Course** starting in 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.

For full information including how to apply, please click here -
Fully funded Independent Prescribing course - Gloucestershire Primary Care Workforce Centre

PRIMARY CARE RESPIRATORY STUDY DAY

GLOUCESTERSHIRE PRIMARY CARE TRAINING HUB

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 Click Here.

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



PERSONALISED CARE AWAY DAY – REGISTER NOW !

GLOUCESTERSHIRE PRIMARY CARE TRAINING HUB

Gloucestershire Primary Care Training Hub and ICB are excited to announce that we will be running another **Away Day for Personalised Care Roles working within Primary Care.** This event is for Care Coordinators, Health and Wellbeing Coaches, Social Prescribing Link Workers and other colleagues supporting personalised care within Primary Care.

This will be a full-day event and will take place on **Thursday 19th November at The Pavilion, Hatherley Lane, Cheltenham GL51 6PN.** Lunch will be provided and there is plenty of free, accessible parking onsite.
We're busy planning the agenda, but can confirm this will include speakers, activities, a World Café style lunch and breakout sessions in the afternoon. We are pleased to announce that one of the afternoon breakout workshops will be **'Working Together: Forging Positive Partnerships'** bringing together Social Prescribing Link Workers and Mental Health Practitioners to forge relationships, promote working together and supporting the neighbourhood working agenda, noting the key role of both these roles.

To register for this event please click here
Should you have any queries regarding this event please contact glicb.pcwc@nhs.net

OLIVER MCGOWAN TRAINING – UPDATE TO TIER 1 & 2 GUIDANCE

GLOUCESTERSHIRE PRIMARY CARE TRAINING HUB

The Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training programme is currently funded until 31 March 2027, we would encourage you to take advantage of the free places before the funded offer comes to an end. Further communication regarding plans for April 2027 onwards will be shared in due course.

Updates have been made to the Tier 1 and Tier 2 Training Guidance, which can be accessed on the Gloucestershire Primar Care Training Hub website: Oliver McGowan Training - Gloucestershire Primary Care Workforce Centre

If you have any questions or experience any difficulties with the booking process, please contact the Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training team **glicb.ommtgloucestershireicb@nhs.net** who will be happy to help.

GENERAL PRACTICE NURSING PRECEPTORSHIP

GLOUCESTERSHIRE PRIMARY CARE TRAINING HUB

Supporting the Next Generation of General Practice Nurses

Could your practice offer a newly qualified nurse their first role in general practice?
The Primary Care Training Hub maintains a list of student Nurses who have expressed an interest in pursuing a career in General Practice after qualification. We would like to make Practices across Gloucestershire aware of this opportunity and encourage those anticipating a vacancy, workforce need, or future recruitment opportunity to consider employing a newly qualified Nurse.

Supporting New Nurses to Thrive through the General Practice Nursing Preceptorship Programme
The programme is fully funded, with no cost to either the practice or the participant. It runs twice a year, with cohorts commencing in April and September.

Nurses and Registered Nursing associates who are new to your practice can join the programme at any stage. The programme is flexible and responsive to individual experience/development requirements.

For full information regarding the Programme, including what the programme consists of and how to apply please click here.

GP ASSISTANT PROGRAMME – NATIONAL DELIVERY UPDATE

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NHS England is continuing to support funded places on the GP Assistant (GPA) programme. Following a national procurement process, the contract has been awarded to the **Primary Care Workforce Academy (PCWA)** for an initial three years, with the option to extend for a further two years.

PCWA has previously delivered the GPA programme across London through the South East London Workforce Development Hub.

PCWA will coordinate the programme nationally, with regional and local educators supporting learners and practices. The programme will include workplace supervision, learner support and portfolio assessment, with teams working alongside practices and Training Hubs. We are still waiting for details of the teaching format, time commitment and cohort dates.

To find out more or register your interest in a funded place please visit the PCWA Website **or visit the Training Tub's GP Assistant webpage** GP Assistant - Gloucestershire Primary Care Workforce Centre.

The next cohort of the training will be taking place in 2027.

GENERAL PRACTICE STAFF SURVEY (GPSS) REMINDER

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The 2026 GPSS is now open (5 October to 27 November 2026).

This is an opportunity for colleagues across general practice to have their say and share their experiences of working in their organisation. Please encourage colleagues to complete their survey when invited and help us hear from as many staff as possible.

Survey invite links and reminders will be sent from *generalpracticestaffsurvey@qualtrics-survey.com*

There are a number of resources to help increase participation, available via the NHS Futures forum.

Resources available include:

- **Top tips for participation** with practical ideas to encourage staff to take part.
- **Case study on maintaining engagement during fieldwork**, Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire ICB share learning and approaches that have helped boost participation.
- **Methods for increasing response rates** to support your local engagement activity.

Every voice matters. Thank you for supporting the 2026 General Practice Staff Survey and helping colleagues have their say! **If you or colleagues have not received an invite or have any questions, please contact glicb.pcwc@nhs.net**

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OPTIMA HEALTH (FORMERLY CARE FIRST)

Emotional/practical support for you, and your teams

We wanted to remind all Primary Care colleagues in Gloucestershire have access to an ICB funded range of support offers, including:

- Emotional support through **Optima Health (formerly Care First),** providing confidential* support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year with "in the moment" support to discuss **any work or home related issue** confidentially; Telephone; **0800 174 319** with access to Citizens Advice Bureau **trained Information Specialists.**

- **Optima Health "Lifestyle"** website has Online information and advice including a manager's toolkit, Well Being, Finance, Work-related issues, Relationships, Caring responsibilities, Mental-health, Menopause & much more…

To access the Lifestyle platform login details, please email glicb.pcwc@nhs.net

- **GP Support Services –** Gloucestershire GPs can access a range of dedicated support offers through the Primary Care Workforce Centre; **GP Support - Gloucestershire Primary Care Workforce Centre**

RETURN-TO-WORK COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

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Devon Primary Care Training Hub are extending their offer to join the Return-to-Work Community of Practice, designed for professionals returning to general practice following maternity, paternity or adoption leave.

The community offers facilitated sessions, practical learning and peer support focused on confidence, wellbeing, flexible working, balancing work and family life, building a sustainable career and more.

Full information regarding this opportunity, including how to register can be found here.

SEEKING SUCCESS STORIES

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Gloucestershire Primary Care Training Hub are keen to highlight the fantastic work being completed by ARRS (Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme) roles.

We are therefore keen to obtain short updates from Practice/PCN colleagues that highlights:

- **Examples of positive working**
- Success stories – How an ARRS role/their work made a difference to your practice, PCN and patient population
- **Innovative approaches to working**

Please use this opportunity to shine a spotlight on the fantastic work you and your colleagues are completing, by emailing us at **glicb.pcwc@nhs.net**

DESIRED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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Is there a specific type of training that you know would benefit you/help you progress in your role? We would love to hear from you and like to remind you there is the option to submit a form on our website, to alert us of training/education opportunities you would like to access.

The form can be accessed from the Training and Events Calendar on our website.



PROSTATE CANCER IN PRIMARY CARE: UNDERSTANDING RISKS & SUPPORTING DECISIONS

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Event Organiser: CRUK & Macmillan GP Community of Practice

Date & time: Online - Thursday 26th November - 1-2pm

This is the first in a two-part prostate cancer webinar series from the CRUK and Macmillan GP Community of Practice and will cover prostate cancer risk management in primary care, including PSA testing, symptom investigation, understanding risk in relation to family history and the recent screening recommendation.

Sign up to be part of the Community of Practice and be the first to hear about upcoming webinars here.

INTRODUCTION TO HEART FAILURE – EDUCATIONAL WEBINAR

GLOUCESTERSHIRE PRIMARY CARE TRAINING HUB

Organised by Gloucestershire Primary Care Training, join Dr Jim Moore for Introduction to Heart Failure, a free online educational webinar for primary care healthcare professionals on Wednesday 25 November 2026, 1–2pm.

Dr Moore, a GP with a specialist interest in cardiovascular medicine and Heart Failure Lead of the Primary Care Cardiovascular Society, will cover heart failure types, common symptoms, diagnosis and the four pillars of treatment. This practical introduction is the first in a series supporting knowledge and confidence in recognising and managing heart failure in primary care.

For further information, including how to register please click here.

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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.

