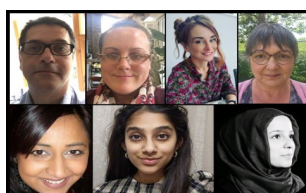


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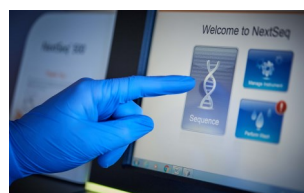
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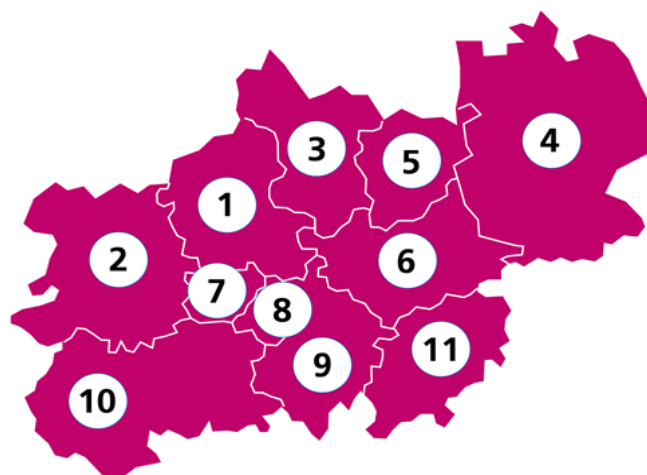
Introduction

Welcome to the first regional advanced practice Update Bulletin from the new Faculty for Advancing Practice in the Midlands region. We intend to regularly publish these updates bi-monthly to help keep you up to date with developments in Advanced Practice both within the Midlands region and nationally.

Midlands

1. Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent
2. Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin
3. Derbyshire
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Areas covered by the Midlands Faculty



Aims of the Faculty

The regional faculties for Advancing Practice (AP) have been developed and established to drive forward change in advanced practice as outlined in the [NHS Long Term Plan \(2019\)](#) and [People Plan 2020/21](#).

The aims are to increase return on advanced practice investments, drive modernised transformed pathways of care, and support improvements in both access to and the quality of patient care. These will help to drive workforce transformation and modernising agenda for advanced practice roles across the system.

Through our stakeholder engagement process one of our key aims in the Midlands is to guide organisations on the implementation of advanced practice where organisations might be in a developmental phase of activity.

Recent Midlands Faculty Activity

- ⇒ Stakeholder engagement with those leading on advanced practice in organisations across the region, which will continue over the coming months.
- ⇒ In collaboration with Health Education England (HEE) national teams, as part of a national drive we have funded health and care registrants across the Midlands to undertake a learning disabilities and autism advanced practice credential.
- ⇒ We are working with East and West Midlands Clinical Senates on a project scoping variabilities in access to diagnostic imaging requests for Advanced Practitioners working in acute trusts.
- ⇒ Liaising with the national Centre for Advanced Practice assisting Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) with accreditation processes.
- ⇒ Planning future commissioning and investment for advanced clinical practice (ACP) education.
- ⇒ Exploring ways in which we can support education and training of mental health ACPs.
- ⇒ Working on the career development framework for registrants: enhanced ⇒ advanced ⇒ consultant levels of practice.



Reminder: Clinical Academic Roles for Advanced Practitioners

Are you a qualified advanced practitioner considering a clinical academic career, and looking to increase your research knowledge and skills with an experienced researcher? If so, this could be the opportunity for you.

The Universities of Lincoln and Nottingham have launched the 2021/22 programme which is part of the [Health Education England \(HEE\)/ National Institute of Health Research \(NIHR\) Integrated Clinical Academic \(ICA\) Training Programme](#) for [healthcare professionals \(excluding doctors\)](#) working in the East Midlands. These programmes are funded by Health Education England (HEE) in the Midlands.

If you are interested in this opportunity please contact the Midlands Faculty for Advancing Practice: apfac.midlands@hee.nhs.uk.

Please note the application for West Midlands this year (2021/22) have already closed but applications for the East Midlands are still open.

The closing date for applications is 28th June 2021.

(A further round of applications for 2022/23 across both the East and West Midlands will open in May and June 2022).

The Centre for Advancing Practice & The Midlands Faculty

The Centre for Advancing Practice is also part of HEE and the regional faculties work in close collaboration with the Centre. A regional faculty for Advancing Practice has been established in each of the 7 NHS regions: East of England; London; Midlands; North East and Yorkshire; North West; South East; and South West.

The activities of the Centre are focused on:

- Accrediting ACP programmes offered at HEIs to ensure they meet the requirements of HEE's (2017) [Multi-professional framework for advanced clinical practice in England](#).
- Developing a portfolio route of recognition for advanced practitioners.
- Opening a national directory of advanced practitioners who have either completed an accredited programme or who have been recognised via the portfolio route.
- Developing specialist credentials for advanced practice.

Our Faculty provides oversight of workforce planning, implementation, and educational developments for advanced practice across healthcare systems and universities in the Midlands in collaboration with HEE's national *Centre for Advancing Practice*.

Meet the Midlands Advanced Practice Team

Dr Julian Barratt - Regional Faculty Lead for Advancing Practice

I joined HEE in December 2020 to lead and develop the Faculty for Advancing Practice in the Midlands region. Previously, I was Head of Post-Registration Education in the Institute of Health and the University of Wolverhampton, I'm now an Honorary Research Fellow there; continuing to supervise masters and doctoral students. My experience in advanced practice is as a nurse practitioner in unscheduled primary care and general practice. My research interests are advanced practice, clinical communication, clinical reasoning and mixed methods approaches.

Twitter - @cn150



Felicity Begley - Regional Project Manager

My previous appointment was as Project Manager for Midlands Workforce Transformation Hub (HEE), working within Primary Care and Mental Health Priority areas. I have a clinical background as a Chartered Physiotherapist, with over 10 years experience working in the community within MSK and Older Adults specialisms. My education background is made up of MSc Vet Phys, PgCert Frailty, and currently studying for an MBA at Aston University.

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Gemma Ford - Regional Advancing Practice Supervision & Assessment Lead

I joined HEE in April 2021. My speciality is Mental Health and I continue to work 2 days a week in a clinical role as an ACP within Nottinghamshire Community Outpatients. I'm involved in various aspects of workforce transformation. I value the role of ACPs and what they offer both professionally and for the population we serve. I am passionate about parity of esteem and the need to value mental health equally to physical health, with better integrated care between mental and physical health systems. I have led on various pilots and new models including pathways to work across services including the third sector, supporting complex individuals as they transition from acute to primary care.



Jane Sime - Regional Advancing Practice Supervision & Assessment Lead

I am currently working 2 days a week at HEE and 3 days a week as an Advanced Practitioner in Worcestershire. Within my clinical post I work in a multidisciplinary neighbourhood team caring for a large caseload which focuses predominantly on the frail elderly in the community and those living in care homes. I have previously worked as a DN team leader, Community Matron and Advanced Practitioner in a Community Rapid Response Team. Qualifications: RGN 1986, DN cert, BSc (Hons) Community Health Studies, Practice Educator/lecturer (PG Cert), PG Cert in Non-Medical Prescribing, MSc Advanced Clinical Practice.

Halima Abowath - Project Support Officer

I'm a Project Support Officer for the Faculty for Advancing Practice. My previous appointment was working with the City Council as a Project Officer identifying barriers women face to their achievements and how these can be overcome.

I studied BSc (Hons) Psychology at De Montfort University and graduated in January 2019. I really enjoyed studying Work Psychology; understanding how organisations work and how best to help them. I'm excited to be in a role that links back to what I enjoyed studying and going a step further in helping to improve lives through the work I do.



Harpreet Sarai - Project Support Officer

I am a Project Support Office for the Faculty for Advancing Practice in the Midlands. I studied BA (Hons) Business Administration which has helped to assist and develop my career further.

I have over 20 years' experience working for the NHS across the UK within various Trusts, CCGs and the Department of Health. Eight of these years were previously with HEE, working on the UK Foundation Programme for doctors. I am passionate about the work HEE provides and I'm excited to once again be part of an organisation that helps support the delivery of excellent healthcare and health improvements to our workforce and patients in the UK.



Tasneem Aly - Administration Assistant

I joined HEE in February 2021, I am the Faculty Administration Assistant for the Faculty for Advancing Practice in the Midlands. I developed a strong interest in working with HEE during a hospital project that I led whilst completing a Masters in Digital Design at De Montfort University. Joining HEE has allowed me to take the first step into my career within the health and public sector workforce.



Thank you for reading our first Update Bulletin, below are some useful links.

- ⇒ If you would like to register with us or update individual contact details please [complete this form](#).
- ⇒ You can also keep up to date with our activities via the Midlands [Advanced Practice webpage](#).
- ⇒ For any other queries or to unsubscribe from receiving our Update Bulletin please email us at apfac.midlands@hee.nhs.uk