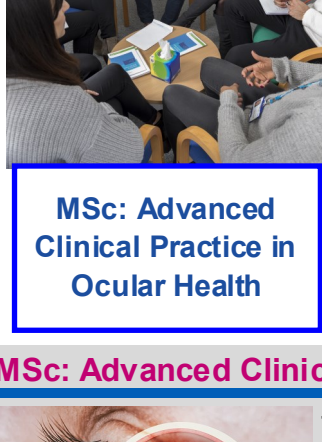
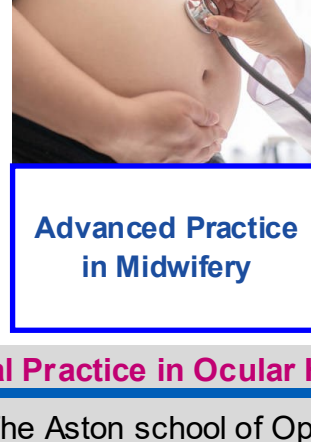


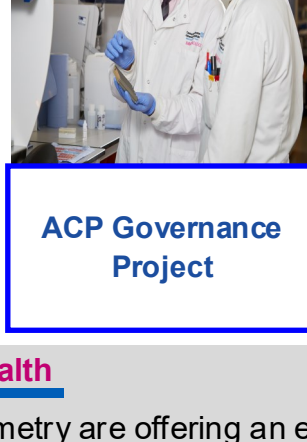
# Faculty for Advancing Practice (Midlands) Update Bulletin



**MSc: Advanced Clinical Practice in Ocular Health**



**Advanced Practice in Midwifery**

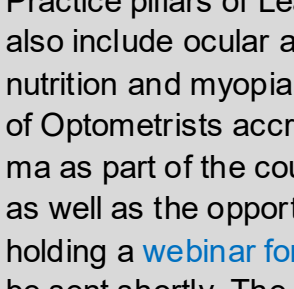


**ACP Governance Project**



**Upcoming Faculty News**

## MSc: Advanced Clinical Practice in Ocular Health



The Aston school of Optometry are offering an exciting new Masters programme for allied health professionals working in Ophthalmology to progress as Advanced Clinical Practitioners. The programme is based on the Ophthalmic Common Clinical Competency Framework (OCCCF) and is open to Optometrists, Orthoptists and Nurses working within the field of Ophthalmology. Teaching and learning will combine the 4 OCCCF clinical areas of: Medical retina, Glaucoma, Cataracts and Acute and Emergency Eye Care, with the Advanced Clinical Practice pillars of Leadership and Management, Education and Research. Additional topics will also include ocular anatomy, medical skills, examination techniques (foundation and advanced), nutrition and myopia. Optometrists can gain independent prescribing status along with College of Optometrists accredited professional certification in the areas of Medical Retina and Glaucoma as part of the course. Shorter Post-graduate Certificate and Diploma routes also available, as well as the opportunity to undertake standalone modules from the programme. We will be holding a [webinar for Ocular Health, Monday 21st March, 11.30am—12.30pm](#), further details to be sent shortly. The programme will be launched on 1<sup>st</sup> October, for more information please contact:

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- Ms Imogen Hawthorne, Programme Co-lead, [i.hawthorne@aston.ac.uk](mailto:i.hawthorne@aston.ac.uk)

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## Mental Health Advanced Practice CPD Sessions – 28 February and 28 March

Dr Shmrit Ziv, Advanced Practice Training Programme Director in Mental Health (HEE East of England), has organised virtual lunchtime CPD sessions on [28 February and 28 March between 12:00-13:00](#) for advanced practitioners working in mental health.

The session on 28 February will be about evidence-based medicine and values-based practice in psychiatry and you can book a place [here](#). The session on 28 March will be on the subject of antidepressants and you can book a place [here](#).

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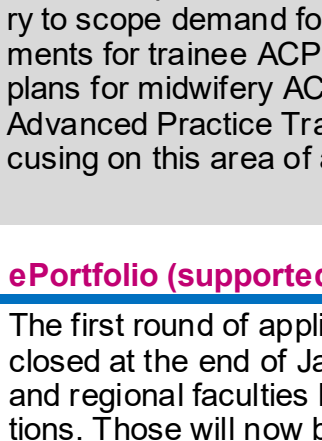
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## ACP Governance Project

This HEE funded project looked to produce overarching cross sector ACP governance and assurance guidance. Alongside support for systems, organisations, people and advanced practitioners. The main project aim was to create a reusable object that will provide guidance for organisations looking to implement advanced practice services or further support current advanced practice teams. An ACP governance and assurance maturity matrix is being produced alongside employers and other key stakeholders to further support the governance and assurance of advanced practice within organisations, the document will link to resources ensuring best practice is being shared.

**Contributed by James Pratt | ACP Lead | Nottingham University Hospital NHS Trust**

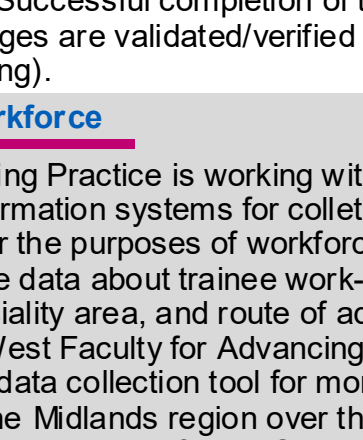


## Midwifery Advanced Practice

The regional faculty leads across the 7 NHS regions are working with HEE's National Maternity Programme on developing more advanced practitioners in midwifery. We are hoping to recruit up to 40 midwives in 22-23 who will be able to undertake MSc Advanced Clinical Practice programmes at prospective partner universities, where we plan to offer clinical competencies related to midwifery advanced practice. In the Midlands region we will be liaising with Directors / Heads of Midwifery to scope demand for midwives to undertake advanced clinical practice training, with requirements for trainee ACP posts, suitable supervisory arrangements, and workforce development plans for midwifery ACP posts within their respective services on completion of training. Our Advanced Practice Training Programme Director for Midwifery, Liz Bennett Hayes, will be focusing on this area of advanced practice developments as part of her role.

## ePortfolio (supported) Route Update

The first round of applications for the ePortfolio (supported) Route closed at the end of January. The Centre for Advancing Practice and regional faculties have been reviewing the received applications. Those will now be passed over to the advanced practice academic teams at universities across the country who are participating in the ePortfolio (supported) Route. The universities will conduct an initial Learning Needs Analysis (LNA) with applicants to assess their suitability for progression onto completing the subsequent ePortfolio to demonstrate mapping again suit the HEE (2017) *Multi-professional framework for advanced clinical practice in England*. The Centre for Advancing Practice and regional faculties will be liaising with the partner universities to brief them on the requirements for completing the initial LNA and supporting and assessing the subsequent ePortfolio (for applicants who can progress to that stage). Successful completion of the ePortfolio (supported) Route will link to a 'digital badge' (digital badges are validated/verified indicators of accomplishment, skill, or quality earned through learning).



## Data Collection of the ACP Trainee Workforce

The Midlands regional Faculty for Advancing Practice is working with the other regional faculties to develop information systems for collecting data about our ACP trainee workforce. For the purposes of workforce modelling, we need to have more accurate data about trainee workforce such as registrant background, speciality area, and route of advanced practice preparation. The South West Faculty for Advancing Practice has led on the development of a data collection tool for monitoring purposes, which will be trialling in the Midlands region over the next few months to ensure more effective monitoring of our ACP trainees.

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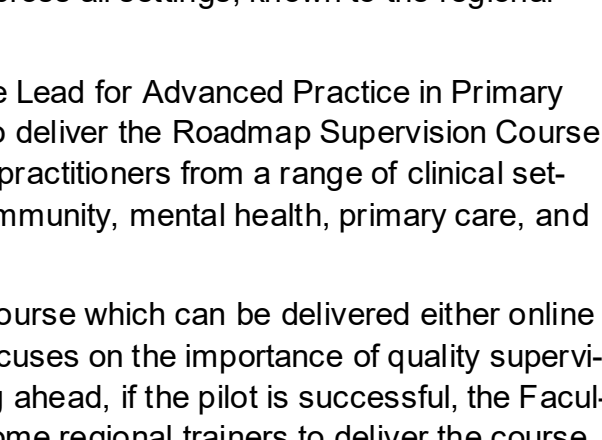
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## Advanced Practice Supervision Pilot – Piloting the 'Roadmap Supervision' Course with Advanced Practice Supervisors Across the Midlands

### Advanced Practice Supervisors Across the Midlands

There is a need to develop a standard for quality supervision to support advanced practice trainees in all healthcare settings across the Midlands region. A standard for supervision has been set in primary care with the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme (ARRS for First Contact Practitioners (FCP) and the 'Roadmap Supervision' course for their supervisors. The Roadmap Supervision Course covers broad-based principles of supervision and how to undertake Workplace Based Assessments (WPBA) which is relevant to all clinical settings. Extension of the Roadmap Supervision course to supervisors of advanced practitioner trainees, such as senior, experienced advanced practitioners would support the development of an agreed standard of advanced practice supervisors across all settings, known to the regional Faculty for Advancing Practice.



Over the next few months, The Faculty's Programme Lead for Advanced Practice in Primary Care, Julia Taylor, will be leading on a pilot project to deliver the Roadmap Supervision Course to some cohorts of experienced, qualified advanced practitioners from a range of clinical settings across the Midlands (including acute trusts, community, mental health, primary care, and out-of-hours services).

The current Roadmap Supervision course is 2-day course which can be delivered either online or in-person, normally by two trainers. The course focuses on the importance of quality supervision as a facilitative and supportive process. Looking ahead, if the pilot is successful, the Faculty will work with colleagues to identify and train up some regional trainers to deliver the course on a wider ongoing basis.

To be successful this pilot project will require collaborative working with our Regional Advancing Practice Supervision and Assessment Leads, our Advanced Practice Training Programme Directors, the Midlands Primary Care School, the Centre for Advancing Practice, our university partners delivering advanced practice education, and also engagement with a variety of employers/providers/settings who employ advanced practitioners. The Midlands regional Faculty will also be working in collaboration with the London regional Faculty for Advancing Practice who will be correspondingly piloting this project in their region.

The Faculty will soon be requesting Expressions of Interest for participation in this exciting pilot project. Please contact the Faculty via [apfac.midlands@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:apfac.midlands@hee.nhs.uk) if you have questions about these proposals.

**Contributed by Julia Taylor | Programme Lead for Advanced Practice in Primary Care**

## Lincolnshire Rotational ACP Fellowship

In collaboration with practice and academic partners across Lincolnshire the Faculty is continuing to contribute and participate in the planning and implementation of the Lincolnshire Rotational ACP Fellowship, which will see two experienced ACPs (from different registrant backgrounds) rotate through different clinical services in Lincolnshire, with one Fellow having a focus on admission avoidance, and the other Fellow having a focus on frailty. The Fellowships have a focus on service improvement and enhancing the disparate connections between acute care, primary care, and mental health services.

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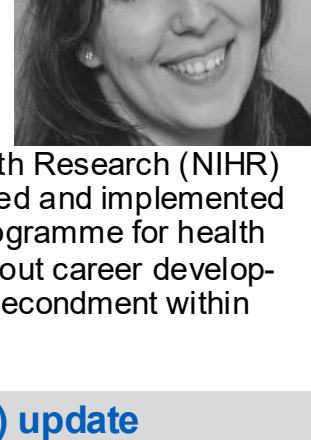
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## Welcome to Rebecca McShane:

### Regional Project Manager for Midlands Faculty for Advancing Practice

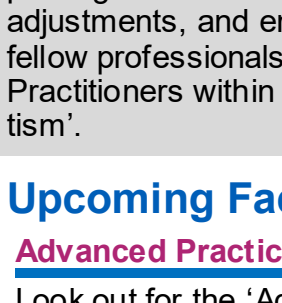
Rebecca McShane joined the Midlands Faculty for Advancing Practice in February on a secondment. We look forward to working with her. Please see her bio below:



'I have had a dynamic and interesting career, initially as an adult social worker and then I have worked in NHS applied research over the last 16 years including roles in research management, teaching and governance. Over the last 8 years I have specialised in project and programme management with keen focus on education and development of the healthcare research workforce. I took the lead in developing the Academic Career Development Strategy for the Nation Institute of Health Research (NIHR) Applied Research Collaboration in Greater Manchester, then co-designed and implemented new programmes such as the internship and pre-doctoral fellowship programme for health and care professionals across Greater Manchester. I am passionate about career development opportunities for health and care staff and excited to take up this secondment within HEE'.

## Advanced Practice Training Programme Directors (TPDs) update

Over the past few weeks with new Advanced Practice TPDs have been starting in their secondment roles with the Faculty. We have TPDs in the areas of: Acute Care; Urgent and Emergency Care; Rehabilitation; Musculoskeletal; Imaging; Mental Health; Learning Disabilities; Pharmacy; and our Programme Lead for Advanced Practice in Primary care. The TPDs and Programme Lead will be working on progressing advanced practice developments and innovations and the experiences of ACP trainees of in their discrete speciality areas.



Our TPD for Advanced Practice in Learning Disabilities, Alison Whalley, was most recently recruited. Please see below a quick introduction from the new Advanced Training Programme Director for LD and Autism.

'Hello, my name is Alison, and my professional passion is promoting the health and well-being of individuals with learning disabilities and Autism, ensuring they achieve the best health outcomes and opportunities that lead to living a better quality of life. My passion stems from my close connection to those with learning disabilities and Autism such as my younger brother George. This has provided me with first-hand experience of how clinicians can impact the lives of individuals by improving their mental and physical health, preventing health inequalities, promoting reasonable adjustments, and empowering them to lead rewarding lives. I am looking forward to meeting fellow professionals who share the same passion as myself for the role of Advanced Clinical Practitioners within the NHS workforce especially in the field of learning disabilities and Autism'.

## Upcoming Faculty News

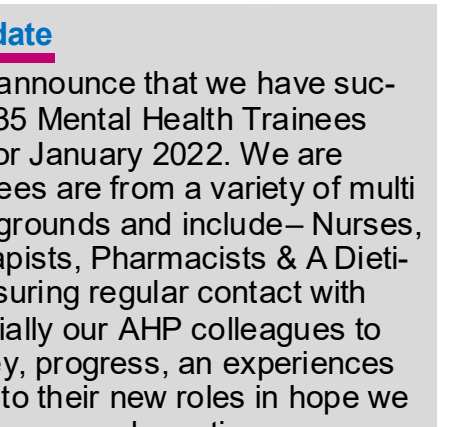
### Advanced Practice Retention Research Project

Look out for the 'Advanced Practice Retention Research Project' and have your say! This will be an opportunity to tell us what keeps you motivated to remain in your AP role and if you have left or are considering leaving an AP role, we would like to explore the reasons behind this! The survey is being developed in collaboration with the University of Derby and will be shared amongst our stakeholders, via our bulletin & Twitter.

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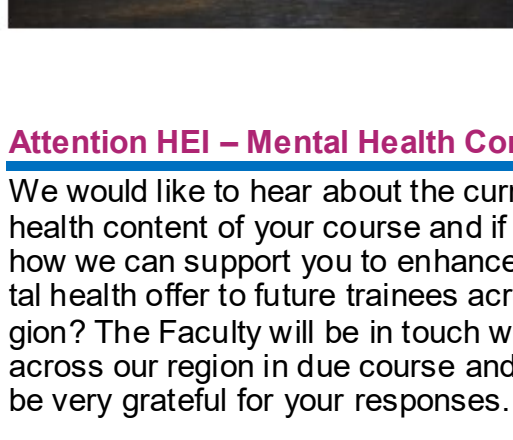
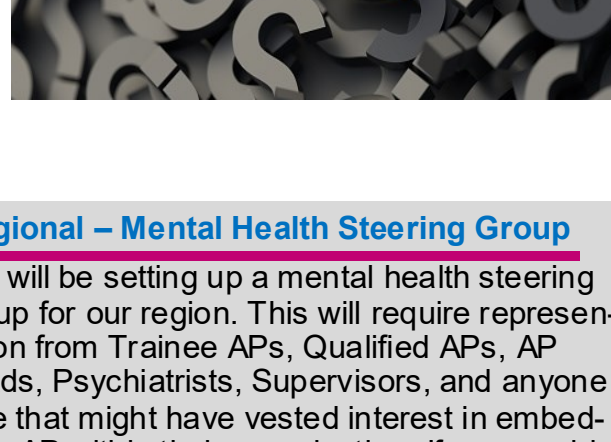
## Mental Health Update

We are pleased to announce that we have successfully recruited 35 Mental Health Trainees across our region for January 2022. We are proud that the trainees are from a variety of multi-

professional backgrounds and include – Nurses, Occupational Therapists, Pharmacists & A Dietician. We will be ensuring regular contact with our trainees, especially our AHP colleagues to monitor their journey, progress, an experiences as they transition into their new roles in hope we can evaluate and share good practice across our region.

## Drop-in sessions with our Training Programme Director – Gemma Ford

The Faculty will be hosting drop-in sessions with our Mental Health Training Programme Director – Gemma Ford. This is an opportunity for Trainees, Qualified APs, HEIs and Stakeholders to raise any concerns or questions that might be related to mental health. Please contact the Faculty to arrange an appointment via [apfac.midlands@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:apfac.midlands@hee.nhs.uk)

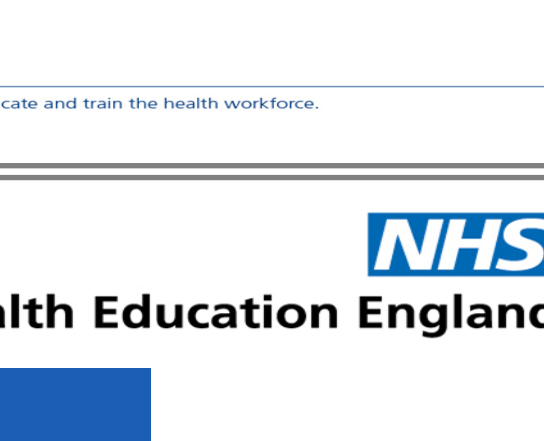


## Regional – Mental Health Steering Group

We will be setting up a mental health steering group for our region. This will require representation from Trainee APs, Qualified APs, AP Leads, Psychiatrists, Supervisors, and anyone else that might have vested interest in embedding AP within their organisation. If you would like to take part, we would be very grateful if you could kindly contact the faculty and provide details of your current role, email us at [apfac.midlands@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:apfac.midlands@hee.nhs.uk)

## Attention HEI – Mental Health Content

We would like to hear about the current mental health content of your course and if required how we can support you to enhance your mental health offer to future trainees across our region? The Faculty will be in touch with HEIs across our region in due course and we would be very grateful for your responses.



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**Midlands updates**

December 2021 update

An update on all of the progression and events being held by the Midlands AP team. Highlights include: e-portfolio (supported) route, Introduction to Faculty's TPDs & Programme Lead, Advanced Practice Week 2021 Review and Upcoming Winter Series of Faculty Webinars.

Click on the link below to take you to the full update for December 2021

<https://advancedpractice.hee.nhs.uk/newscenter/updates/2021/2021MidlandsFacultyforAdvancingPractice-December-2021-Update-Bulletin-2.pdf>

October 2021 updates

An update on Midlands Advanced Practice progress. Highlights include: a round-up of Advanced Practice week, upcoming autumn series of faculty webinars and faculty opportunities for clinical academic roles for ACP's.

Click on the link below to take you to the full update for October 2021

<https://advancedpractice.hee.nhs.uk/newscenter/updates/2021/2021MidlandsFacultyforAdvancingPractice-Midlands-Update-Bulletin-Issue-3-October-2021-compressed-1.pdf>

## Regional Update Bulletins

We have recently updated our webpage where you can find previous and current update bulletins available for your information.

[Regional Update Bulletin Webpage](#)

## Faculty Team

- ⇒ **Dr Julian Barratt** - Regional Faculty Lead for Advancing Practice
- ⇒ **Gemma Ford** - Regional Advancing Practice Supervision and Assessment Lead
- ⇒ **Rebecca McShane** - Regional Project Manager
- ⇒ **Halima Abowath and Harpreet Sarai** - Project Support Officers
- ⇒ Please see below a list of our Train Programme Directors and Programme Lead:
- ⇒ **Luke Watson** – Musculoskeletal      ⇒ **Jane Elwell** - Urgent & Emergency Care
- ⇒ **Hirminder Kaur Ubhi** – Pharmacy      ⇒ **Andy Cole** - Rehabilitation
- ⇒ **Paul O'Riordan** – Imaging      ⇒ **Elizabeth Bennet Hayes** – Midwifery
- ⇒ **Jennifer Riley** – Acute Care      ⇒ **Alison Whalley** – Learning Disabilities and Autism
- ⇒ **Julia Taylor** – Programme Lead      ⇒ **Gemma Ford** - Mental Health (Primary Care)

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

- ⇒ If you would like to register with us or update individual contact details please [complete this form](#).
- ⇒ For any queries or to unsubscribe from receiving our Update Bulletin please email us at [apfac.midlands@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:apfac.midlands@hee.nhs.uk)
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