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The Centre for Advancing Practice will be hosting a national conference on Monday 7th and Thursday 10th November 2022.

This free event will be taking place online virtually, registrations are now closed but you can catch up on sessions soon after they've taken place and we will share details once available.

This year's theme is *Empowering People, Transforming Care*. The hashtag for the conference is #AdvancingPractice2022

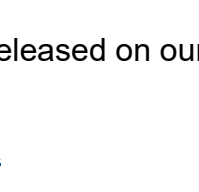
Delegates will have the opportunity to explore the latest developments and research in Advancing Practice, network within the community and hear about the vision for the future. Sessions include: The 15-year strategy; Feeling like an imposter; Embracing diversity- the differing roles in workforce transformation; digital badges; governance; and 'Ask the Centre'.

Over 2,000 people from across the country joined the Centre last year for their virtual conference "Extraordinary People: Extraordinary Care". This flagship event, the annual conference, is a premier learning and networking opportunity at the cutting-edge of the advancing practice landscape.

This year's conference is looking to be even bigger with 3000 spaces, more research posters, and a wider range of speakers from across the advancing practice community.

If you would like to browse any of last year's resources and videos, they can still be accessed [here](#).apfac.midlands@hee.nhs.uk
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Midlands Regional Conference, Advanced Practice: Reconnecting the Midlands

Due to the death of Her Majesty The Queen, we had to cancel our conference that was due to take place on Friday 16th September due to the national period of mourning being observed.However, we have been able to schedule a new date, Friday 24th March 2023. All those who had a confirmed place will have been contacted and offered a place on this date.Where we have spare and additional places available, we will let colleagues know via email. If you would like to stay up to date with our events and updates, please sign up to our mailing list [here](#).

Our conference will have five aims as follows:

- Provide a face-to-face networking opportunity
- Where is advanced practice in the Midlands now and where are we going?
- How does advanced practice fit with multidisciplinary/interprofessional working?
- Provide an opportunity to update knowledge of advanced practice
- Informing and sharing about innovation in the Midlands

Some of our content that would have been presented on the 16th has been released on our website which you can find [here](#).If you have any questions, please contact us at apfac.midlands@hee.nhs.uk

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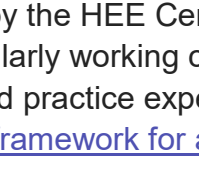
Case Studies Wanted!

Experienced Advanced Practitioners with a full masters. We want you to share your experiences of working in your role.

Case studies help us to show how advanced practitioners can help people, teams, organisations and the wider population.

Please share your wisdom with us by emailing apfac.midlands@hee.nhs.uk for a template.apfac.midlands@hee.nhs.uk
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A new way to connect via the Integrated Care System (ICS)

Are you are interested in understanding what the Integrated Care System is? How it will affect advanced practice or where you fit in to this system as advanced practitioners? You can watch a presentation which will shed some light on how the ICS connects all parts of advanced practice together. The presentation focuses advanced clinical practice in the newly developed ICS in Herefordshire and Worcestershire (presented by Daniel Hastie) and that of a more established ICS in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire (presented by Kate Knowles). [You can watch the video here on our website](#).

New First Contact Practitioners Appointed

Two FCP ambassadors have been appointed by the Midlands Primary Care school to work across the region over the next six months to support training hubs with all things related to First Contact Practitioners (FCP) on the continuum from enhanced to advanced level practice.

First Contact Practitioners can be from a range of allied health professions and can see people presenting in primary care with a range of problems. The professions who can work as FCPs are MSK practitioners, paramedics, podiatrists, occupational therapists and dietitians. To understand what FCPs can bring to primary care [please follow this link](#).Individual professions Roadmaps to Practice for FCPs can be found [here](#).

This is a growing workforce in primary care and it is envisaged that the FCP Ambassadors will be subject matter experts and be able to better understand the new and existing FCP workforce and the needs for further development in the future. It is hope that they will be a great asset in supporting training hubs and providers with subject matter expertise.

ePortfolio (Supported) Route

The Centre for Advancing Practice recently announced that funding has been secured for a second and third cohort of applications to the [ePortfolio \(supported\) Route](#) for equivalence recognition as an advanced practitioner.Deadlines for expressions of interest closed on 28th September with high levels of interest being evident. This process is also going to help the Centre determine the demand for the ePortfolio (supported) Route for these subsequent cohorts.The ePortfolio (supported) Route has been designed to enable recognition by the HEE Centre for Advancing Practice of existing, experienced advanced practitioners, regularly working clinically in advanced practitioner roles, who may have completed their advanced practice experiential and educational learning before 2017 when [HEE's Multi-professional framework for advanced clinical practice](#) in England was published.

Completing the ePortfolio (supported) Route is voluntary, but the process for recognition of advanced practitioners has been created by the Centre for Advancing Practice for quality assurance purposes to ensure a consistent national approach to the urgent need to recognise on a standardised basis the experience, knowledge, and skills of existing, experienced advanced practitioners in the workforce. The processes of the ePortfolio (supported) Route act as an assurance for the Centre that applicants are experienced advanced practitioners.

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We have a video available on our website which can be accessed [here](#), from an applicant within the Midlands region who is currently undertaking the ePortfolio (supported) Route. Kate Knowles, Medicine Division Lead Advancing Clinical Practitioner Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust and Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS ACP Training Lead and Mary Hutchinson, Senior Lecturer at Birmingham City University, Advanced Nurse Practitioner at BADGHER Medical Services, share their experiences of undertaking the route and a walkthrough of what you can expect as a student and trainer.

Advanced Practice Supervision Pilot Update

Both the Midlands and London Faculties for Advancing Practice have agreed to support this pilot and it will be overseen/ coordinated by the Supervision & Assessment Leads of each region.

The course should equip Advanced Practitioners with the core knowledge and skills to supervise clinicians in practice. There is a need to develop a standard for quality supervision to support advanced practice in all settings which is being led by the HEE Regional Advancing Practice Faculty Supervision & Assessment Leads.

Candidates from a range of specialties and practice across the Midlands have been sharing their experiences of supervision and gaining new tips and tricks to take back to their own clinical areas. The course is two days long and delivered via Teams, accommodating 14 attendees. As this is a pilot we will ask attendees on the to complete three questionnaires to evaluate the outcomes of the course. This will be essential for us to determine the effectiveness of the course and help guide supervision training for the future.

Supervision and Assessment Funding and Minimum Standards

Funding

We are now very pleased to be able to offer additional funding for supporting supervision and assessment of your advanced practice trainees. Supervision and assessment funding will be paid for trainees commencing the MSc ACP programme from September 2022. Funding will be at a rate of £2,600 (pro-rata) per trainee, per academic year, and it will be for ACP commissioned places, trainees on the ACP apprenticeship, and for ACP MSc top-ups.

This funding is to support your organisation to comply with the requirements of the new [Advanced practice workplace supervision: Minimum standards for supervision](#) which require supervision being provided for a minimum of 1 hour per week per advanced practice trainee by an appropriately trained supervisor.

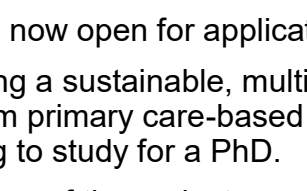
What are the minimum standards?

The Centre of Advancing Practice have taken HEE's (2020) *Workplace Supervision for Advanced Clinical Practice* document and looked at how organisations can operationalise this within their practice settings. As part of this work, we have produced a guidance document that outlines what the minimum standards should be for supervision when employers are thinking about developing an advanced practice role. Below is the link to the Supervision standards document:The ACP minimum standards of supervision have been published and can be accessed [via this link](#).

The minimum standards guidance has used the 7 fundamentals in the Workplace Supervision document and considered how

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Primary Care Doctoral Fellowship

The Wellcome funded PhD Programme for Primary Care clinicians is now open for applications.

The Primary Care Clinicians PhD programme will contribute to building a sustainable, multi-professional clinical academic workforce. Applications are invited from primary care-based nurses, midwives, allied health professionals, and other clinicians wanting to study for a PhD.

Applicants can either propose their own project or can choose from one of the projects available across our 10 members. Full details about the programme, including a list of available projects, the application form, FAQs and contact details are available [here](#).Applications close at noon on 20th December 2022 with interviews on Monday 6th February 2023. Successful applicants will start their doctorates in October 2023.

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National Education and Training Survey (NETS)

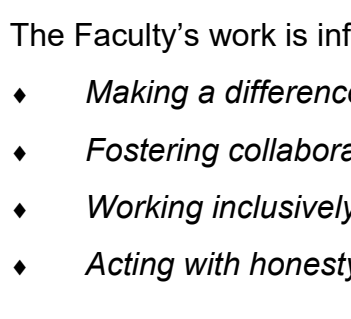
The NETS survey opened on the 18th October and will close on 30th November for trainees and students to fill in. The survey will offer trainees the opportunity to comment on their experiences asking them to provide feedback on what is working well and what could be improved. If you are a HEE supported Advanced Practice trainee please complete the survey and give us your input on how to improve Advancing Practice posts and the clinical learning environment.

Please click here to complete the survey

The survey is anonymous and is conducted twice a year, results are analysed by HEE quality teams to ensure all concerns are identified, reviewed and where appropriate acted upon. The information provided forms part of HEE's approach to monitoring of clinical posts and will be used to develop remedial action plans in partnership with education and placement providers. The higher the level of participation, the better we will be able to draw reliable conclusions.

For more information as well as help with specific queries and materials to promote the survey in your area, please see the [NETS website](#).

Data Collection of the ACP Trainee Workforce

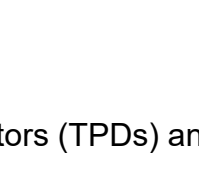


The Midlands Faculty for Advancing Practice will soon be sharing a Trainee Data Collection survey with ACP leads to share with trainees that started this academic year.

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.

This will eventually be rolled out to all trainees for completion, the request will likely be shared via ACP Leads to then contact trainees. If you have had any recent changes to the ACP lead in your organisation, contact us at apfac.midlands@hee.nhs.uk so that we can ensure we have up to date details.apfac.midlands@hee.nhs.uk
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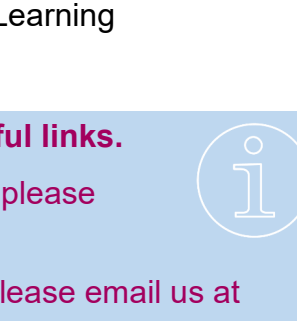
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Faculty Vision and Values

The Faculty's vision is focused on: *Creating and enabling transformative partnerships to develop, embed, and sustain advanced practice education and innovation to improve patient care and outcomes across the Midlands region.*

The Faculty's work is informed by these values:

- Making a difference
- Fostering collaboration
- Working inclusively
- Acting with honesty and integrity



Midlands Advancing Practice Faculty Team

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⇒ Rebecca McShane - Regional Project Manager

⇒ Halima Abowath and Harpreet Sarai - Project Support Officers

⇒ Candy Manders - Administration Officer

Please see below a list of our Advanced Practice Training Programme Directors (TPDs) and Programme Lead:

⇒ Andy Cole - TPD for Rehabilitation

⇒ Jane Elwell - TPD for Urgent & Emergency Care

⇒ Gemma Ford - TPD for Mental Health

⇒ Elizabeth Bennet Hayes - TPD for Midwifery

⇒ Jennifer Riley - TPD for Acute Care

⇒ Paul O'Riordan - TPD for Imaging

⇒ Julia Taylor - Primary Care Programme Lead

⇒ Hirminder Kaur Ubhi - TPD for Pharmacy

⇒ Luke Watson - TPD for Musculoskeletal

⇒ Alison Whalley - TPD for Learning Disabilities and Autism

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

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