

# Development of a community of practice and quality work plan template for trainee Advanced Practitioners in learning disabilities and / or autism.

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- The aim of this project was to understand the quality of supervision that trainee advanced practitioners received and support for them to become competent advanced practitioners utilising a work plan based on the quality matrix.
- The project also aimed to establish a multi-professional advanced practice virtual network for those working within learning disability and / or autism services across the Northwest.

## Methods:

- Completed project plan and approval from the faculty leads
- Developed quality matrix in collaboration with quality team
- First survey sent to the current known trainee advanced practitioners in Learning disability and Autism in the Northwest using a Microsoft Forms
- Analysed results of the questionnaire to establish the baseline
- Developed draft terms of reference for the group based on survey results to be approved at meeting
- Meetings ran every 6 weeks on Mondays from 14th Feb 2022 - January 2023
- Members shared their journey and experiences
- Final survey sent via Microsoft Forms to collect feedback
- Analysed and reported results of the survey and quality matrix

## Final survey results:

- 100% had a good quality workplan covering 4 pillars of advanced practice
- 100% were getting supervision
- 60% had a job at the end
- Co-produced work plan for trainees along with job descriptions was very useful



## Initial survey results:

- 50% of trainees did not have a work plan
- 100% said that quality of work plan was not good
- 50 % had supervision every 12 weeks
- 75% did not have a written plan
- Query raised about the advanced practice roles job description

## Impact and success:

Workshops like the one planned for developing business cases is a good idea and would be good to continue with this type of workshop for different topics .

Had an opportunity to network with other aspiring trainee ACPs with LD and Autism

Having something like this would have helped me enormously when I started.

## Motivation to join the network:

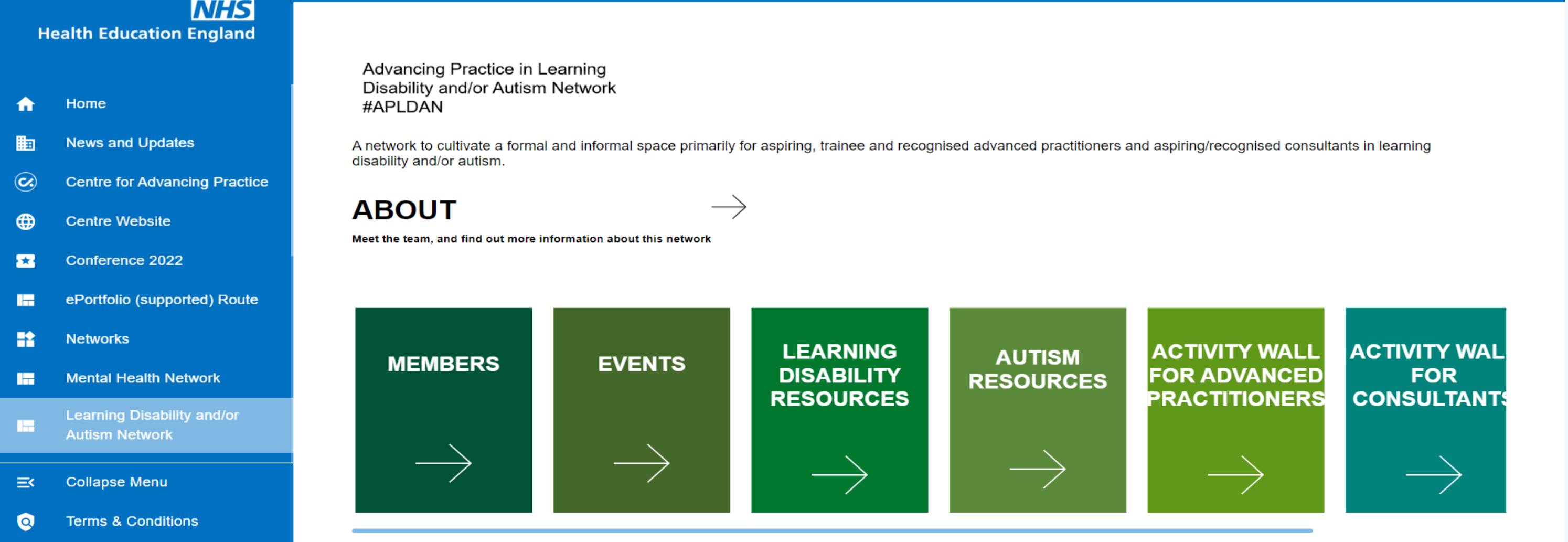
To support my journey in becoming an advanced practitioner and understanding where my role will fit

To foster relationships with peers and help build a network that supports ACPs within Learning Disability & Autism

## Feedback about the network

- Safe and important platform to discuss all things pertinent to advanced practice
- Great opportunity to meet others across learning disability and autism services who are advanced practitioners or trainees
- Being with people who have the same drive to improve services for people with learning disability and autism and understand the issues and challenges faced
- Ability to share resources
- Feeling part of a community and having a sense of belonging

## Launch of National Advancing Practice in Learning disability and / or Autism Network (APLDAN)



## Focus for the future

- To gain national understanding of advanced practice and consultant roles to within learning disability and / or autism to improve practice and credibility for practitioners.
- Share best practice and promote the impact of diversity of roles in improving patient care.