

# NPAG News

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Welcome to our November newsletter.

There are still many good things to come this autumn and winter, starting with our Occupational Health Training Workshop Programme for 2019. Please see Page 3 for more details.

We are also delighted to announce our Annual Theatres & Decontamination Conference on 6th March 2019 at the Ricoh Arena in Coventry. This year the conference will focus on ‘Collaborative working to achieve improved patient experience’. Delegate registration is now open. Please see Page 4 for further information.

In addition, we are launching a brand new mental health group, a group dedicated to managers and operational staff in the field. Please see Page 5 for more details.

*Why join one of our groups.* Our overarching objective is to ‘Support Managers across the NHS in the continuous improvement of their services.’ We provide a framework within which you can openly discuss and share your challenges, fears, ideas and, indeed, your many successes. Because we are able to remain impartial and because we have no mandate to any central or other body, our national meetings provide a ‘safe haven’ and a space to think.

In one word, NPAG is ‘invaluable’. That is the assessment of one of the members of our successful NHS Sustainability Leads Network. Please see Page 2 for further information regarding this group.

*Why not come along and sample one of our group meetings?* We offer a ‘try before you buy’ option – please contact us for more details.

NPAG continues to welcome new ideas and suggestions for groups, workshops and events. It is always good to hear from our readers so please do keep in touch.

The NPAG Team

*"I believe membership of NPAG helps me to be ahead of the changing world of healthcare, it's great to learn from others innovations and to try and replicate it in my own theatres, this can be anything from new roles, audits/training opportunities and changes to clinical practice . It's also helpful to hear how other theatres have responded to become safer from CQC feedback. On a financial aspect the savings offer an insight as where an organisation can look to find CIP and the savings far out way the cost of attendance."*

*Operating Theatres BVG Member 2018-19, Business Manager: Theatres and Critical care, Stockport NHS Foundation Trust*

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## NPAG Connections

### **The NPAG NHS Sustainability Leads Network – *making the right connections***

NPAG's NHS Sustainability Leads Network is about to embark on a new round of meetings in December 2018.

Established in 2012, the group has really grown in stature over the last year, having achieved recognition as an expert reference group by both the Sustainable Development Unit for the NHS and NHS Improvement. Both bodies regularly attend our meetings – we learn what is happening nationally and feed back members' experiences of what is happening on the ground.



We have also been able to help both bodies shape and refine national sustainability guidance over 2018.

Our member trusts are leading the way in sustainable development and include many national award-winners.

As well as connecting with national bodies we also encourage innovative providers to come and demonstrate their products and services at our quarterly meetings. We work closely with NPAG's two other groups that have a strong focus on Sustainability – the Waste Management and Car Parking & Travel Planning Networks.



Why not join us in central London on 6 December as we embark on an exciting new series of four meetings.

### **Interested?**

To join the NHS Sustainability Leads Network please contact Victoria: [victoria.combes@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk](mailto:victoria.combes@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk)  
**Try Before You Buy** places are available, contact Victoria for details.

### ***In the meantime, you may be interested in this conference and exhibition:***

#### **Sustainable Health and Care Forum**

Booking is now open for the only sector wide conference and exhibition for sustainability in health – bringing together thought leaders, professionals and experts driving the transformation to a sustainable NHS and health sector.

Delegates will hear about and discuss how national strategies, new policies, and emerging thinking are delivering triple bottom line benefits of sustainable development. Understand how meeting environmental targets and implementing best practice will maximise environmental, social and financial value.

The conference will take place on Wednesday 21 November 2018 at the Edgbaston Cricket Ground near Birmingham and will be followed by the Sustainable Health and Care awards and gala dinner.

<http://www.sustainablehealthandcare.com/sustainable-health-and-care-conference>

## Clinical Professional Development for Occupational Health Nurses

Occupational Health Nurses are leaders in public health in the workplace setting. Their role is pivotal and it is, therefore, imperative that their training provides them with the necessary knowledge and competencies.

NPAG's Clinical Professional Development for Occupational Health Nurses training programme is specifically aimed at newly qualified OH nurses, and nurses/technicians working in Occupational Health. In a number of instances they have also proven beneficial for nurses at different stages of their development. The intention is to provide nurses with the daily clinical and professional skills and experience that they require to undertake their duties. Those attending will gain clinical skills, which will serve to support further academic qualifications and training.

◆ **Employment Health Screening**

13th February 2019

◆ **Fitness For Work**

20th February 2019

◆ **Skin & Respiratory Surveillance: History Taking & Case Management**

27th February 2019

◆ **Sickness Absence Management Referrals**

13th March 2019

◆ **Occupational Health Condition Management**

20th March 2019

◆ **Health Surveillance: History Taking & Case Management**

27th March 2019

*'Really useful day - very knowledgeable trainer.'*

*Occupational Health Condition Management, Feb 2018  
Occupational Health Nurse, Kettering General Hospital  
NHS Foundation Trust*

*'It was a great study day – very useful, relevant and well presented. Probably one of the best study days I have been on in many years.'*

*Sickness Absence Management Referrals, March 2017, Occupational Health Advisor, John Radcliffe*

*'Invaluable course - will prepare me for my future career in Occupational Health.'*

*Skin & Respiratory Surveillance History Taking & Case Management, Registered Staff Nurse, October 2016, University Hospitals Bristol NHS FT*

It is our recommendation that Occupational Health Nurses with 2 years or less experience should attend.

Applicants are encouraged to attend as many or as few workshops as they feel necessary.

Delegate fees include full workshop material (electronically), a buffet lunch and refreshments.

### Interested?

For more information please contact Gemma: [gemma.aitchison@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk](mailto:gemma.aitchison@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk)

## 2019 Theatres & Decontamination Conference



### Date and Time

**Wednesday 6th March 2019**

08:30—16:40

Ricoh Arena, Coventry

### Why Attend

This year the conference is focused on collaboration; bringing together Theatre and Decontamination services in hospitals. By focusing on how we can achieve this, healthcare professionals can work towards a better patient experience and improved quality of care.

The conference agenda has been created by Theatre Managers and Decontamination Leads and provides exciting opportunities to learn and develop. Items will include:

- The challenges surrounding staffing in operating rooms to reduce high-cost agency spend
- new concepts in disposables
- innovations to support decontamination productivity in theatres
- CJD updates.

There will be plenty of networking opportunity throughout the day with the chance to meet with NPAG Theatres and Decontamination members who have achieved success and savings through productive benchmarking.

This conference is open to all NHS and non NHS Theatres, Surgical and Decontamination Managers.

*"Found the event very well organised & informative". Angela Vaughan Davies, Theatres Scrub Sister, Betsi Cadwaladr*

### Exhibition

The exhibition will be open from 8:30am and is free for all delegates to attend. We are expecting over 25 stands this year from across the decontamination and theatres industries.

Delegates who visit the exhibition will have the opportunity to enter a prize draw to win a choice of either a two night break or a Fitbit.

### Presentations

The conference agenda reflects the feedback from previous year's delegates and from the members of the NPAG Operating Theatres and Decontamination BVG's. NPAG Facilitator, Claire Jones-Manning, has worked to achieve an agenda focused on bringing together these two sectors. Presentations includes:

- Operating Theatre Energy Optimisation and HTM 03-01 Audits – What do they entail, and what do they achieve?
- Getting it Right First Time—improving patient outcomes and increasing productivity
- My Journey as an Orthopaedic Scrub Person
- Building a New Operating Tool and Lessons Learned
- Quest+ Mobile Decontamination Unit Update

### Book Your Place

Reserve your attendance via the reservations team: [marie.cherry@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk](mailto:marie.cherry@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk)

Call us on **01245 544600**





**\*As a new group incentive we are offering attendance to the first meeting only at a cost of £195. Alternatively, you can sign up to the full 2018-19 four meeting membership for £595.**

## New for 2018-19! National Mental Health Network



On the **11 December** in **London** NPAG is launching a brand new group with an exciting first meeting programme.

**Programme highlights will include:**

### ***'The priorities in the Mental Health Sector for 2019 and beyond'***

**Professor Tim Kendall, National Clinical Director for Mental Health, NHS England and NHS Improvement**

Professor Tim Kendall will be sharing the latest national perspective on the priorities facing the Mental Health sector as we enter 2019. He will also provide insights on the new NHS long-term plan, and the priorities for mental health for the next ten years.

### ***'Exploring alternatives to inpatient admissions'***

**University College London, SSG Health & NHS Mental Health Trusts**

UCL will present early findings from their study into UK admission alternatives. SSG Health is a leading specialist in healthcare operational and financial transformation. Its mental health transformation team was the first team to be paired by NHSI under the national FIP programme to provide operating model change support to a mental health trust. SSG will be joined by trusts to describe practical evidence-based examples of admission avoidance.

As with all NPAG network groups, the aim here is to add value by delivering regular meetings, with agendas built around the needs and interests of the people who work in the sector – people like you!

*'I attended my first NPAG meeting in January as a guest and found it to be very worthwhile. This networking opportunity proved fruitful and we have since had a visit from another Trust, sharing ideas and good practice as a result of this initial meeting. I have now joined and hope to gain much more over the coming year.'* **New NPAG Group Member 17-18**

The network will be guided by national agendas such as The Five Year Forward View, Lord Carter's review into unwarranted variations in mental health and community health services and NHS Improvement's Model Hospital programme. Rather than simply repeating the principles of these though, NPAG will be seeking to work with you to highlight the elements within these 'big agendas' that are of most concern and interest and use NPAG's network and experience to help members manage and address them effectively.

We anticipate network meetings to cover a blend of subjects such as:

- **Operational challenges** e.g. reducing Out of Area Bed usage, reducing variation in services, meeting rising demand
- **Innovation** e.g. developing new models of care, working smarter with data, new technologies
- **Workforce** e.g. the implications of Brexit, engaging staff in improvement, effective workforce planning
- **Awareness** e.g. the role of education, working with other agencies to raise awareness and more...

### **Interested?**

To join the National Mental Health Network please contact Victoria:

## Relaunching - IT and Connectivity Network 2019

The NPAG IT & Connectivity Network will commence it's 2nd round on the **24th January 2019 in London.**

IT systems reach out into all areas of healthcare and new mobile technology is bringing health IT into every aspect of our lives. Government / social pressures are causing a rush into data-sharing and connectivity without necessarily building the robust infrastructure, security, governance and supplier interfaces to ensure safe, reliable provision. Recognising the need to support NHS professionals in these areas, NPAG launched its IT & Connectivity Network in 2017.

The network brings together NHS Acute and Community IT professionals, Clinical Engineers and suppliers to understand and overcome some of the interoperability, security and connection issues. It allows shared learning and training across organisations, pulling together a sometimes-disparate community and gaining valuable insights from suppliers, government agencies and invited experts.

*“The NPAG IT & Connectivity Network helps bridge some of these gaps between IT and Medical Engineering and identifies demands on both disciplines. This is supported with presentations from companies on solutions to IT and medical device connectivity. Additional to this - networking with a group comprising of the IT and Medical Engineering community from different organisations is really beneficial to all parties.”*

**Deputy Medical Engineering Manager, University Hospitals  
Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust**

Future meeting content will be driven by members and key agenda items will include:

- GDPR for IT & Devices
- GE medical systems / Varian Cloud imaging
- 3rd Party connectivity SW
- Cyber Security / Cyber Essentials (BT, Encryption)

- Digital Exemplar (GDE) sites innovations
- MS Licence Manager Role in in each Trust
- HL7 basics
- CAL (Client Access Licence)
- IG Toolkit from NHS Digital Speaker

### Membership Benefits:

- Understand first-hand how high-risk medical equipment will interface safely to the Trust networks
- IT Managers understand the limitations of the devices in a patient environment
- Hear from regular speakers from industry enabling learning from the teams who are operating their systems

### Why join? Our Chair says:

Our meetings give us a rare opportunity for thinking space, lively discussion and debate around issues concerning IT and Connectivity. I especially value:

- Professional, rich discussion across the two disciplines and a starter to exchange of good practice
- Current topics and challenges facing the IT and clinical engineering services
- Members have the facility to contact members via NPAG in between meetings should they require information
- Credible and informative guest speakers, helpful suppliers, useful reference presentations
- Supportive and welcoming group keen to share and explore new ways of working and innovations.

### Interested?

For more information please contact Victoria:

[victoria.combes@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk](mailto:victoria.combes@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk)

## Meet Our Sponsors!

Meet one of our Clinical Engineering Event 2018 Sponsors:



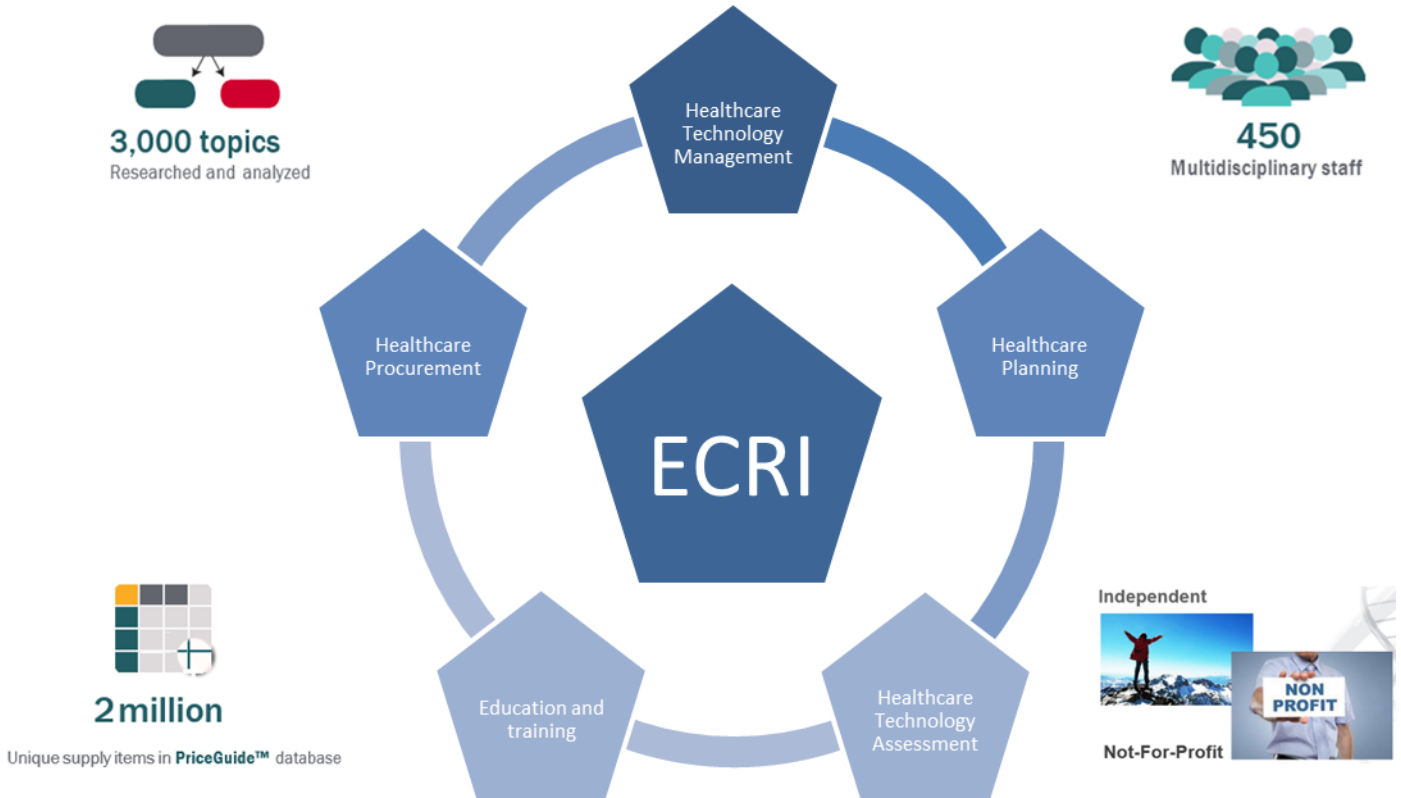
## 50% Discount offer for NPAG members

Thank you for welcoming the ECRI Institute to address NPAG members at the recent Wolverhampton meeting. Together we discovered the trend of NPAG members becoming more involved with procurement, but rarely using benchmarking tools to compare pricing, configurations and the maintenance costs of medical technologies. We'd like to help.

For all new subscriptions to ECRI online benchmarking tools, ordered before April 2019, we would like to offer first year memberships at 50% discount (not including renewals) to NPAG members. In return for this exceptional offer, we'd request a short testimonial and completion of a 3 minute online feedback survey.

Email [phodsman@ecri.org.uk](mailto:phodsman@ecri.org.uk) for terms and details, stating **NPAG 50% offer** to explore the tools and options available.

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## Working in Partnership with NPAG

NPAG has established many important partnerships over the years. We work closely with a number of excellent training providers, consultants and key venues.

We are currently looking to work with individuals with expertise across the following areas:

- IT and Medical Technology
- Mental Health
- Art and Design within Healthcare

If you specialise in the above key area or any of the areas that we currently offer products in, then we want to hear from you! Get in touch today.

Contact Gemma Aitchison: [gemma.aitchison@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk](mailto:gemma.aitchison@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk) or call on 01245 544600.

## What's hot for the coming months

### National Networking Group Meetings

#### December

- Clinical Engineering North
- Decontamination
- Estates
- Mental Health
- NDNN
- Operating Theatres
- NHS Sustainability Leads

#### January

- NHS Car Parking & Travel Planning
- NHS Transport & Logistics
- Security
- Facilities North
- Facilities South
- HV & School Health
- IT & Connectivity

### Workshops & Events

#### Human Factor Onsite Training

For details please contact

[Gemma Aitchison](#)

#### Putting the Patient First Onsite Training Workshops

#### Equality & Diversity Onsite Training Workshops

For details please contact

[Marie Cherry](#)

#### Introduction to Resilience in the NHS, Onsite Training Workshop

For details please contact

[Gemma Aitchison](#)

### Book your place now.....

#### Theatres and Decontamination

**Conference: 6th March 2019, Midlands**

For delegate details please

contact [Marie Cherry](#)

For sponsorship details please

contact [Victoria Combes](#)

#### Clinical Engineering

**Conference: September 2019,**

**Midlands (Sponsorship**

Packages Available)

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