

NPAG Bulletin

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Edition 2

Welcome to the June NPAG Bulletin

With NPAG groups still unable to meet, we are continuing to do everything we can to support you and keep in touch.

We will continue to produce a brief mid-month Bulletin for the foreseeable future. Last time we reported the start of **mini virtual meetings** for Best Value Groups, focusing on members' exchange and critical updates. We said these mini virtual meetings would be in addition to the standard number of meetings per round, which will resume as soon as possible.

So far the approach is proving a great success with a number of groups having now met.

Some interesting points are emerging from members about the way we might keep in touch in future in a very changed environment. There will be more on this in our next full NPAG News.

In the meantime it might be interesting to summarise some of the key points that have emerged so far in the Members' Exchanges. They include:

- ◆ If working from home becomes 'indefinite' for some, how to keep in touch with remote workers
- ◆ Mental health and wellbeing
- ◆ Anxiety over sufficient PPE and how to wear it
- ◆ Disposal of face masks – a big issue from this week
- ◆ Concern for colleagues who may be ill with coronavirus and, in some cases, for the loved ones of those who have died
- ◆ Keeping the normal business going while recovering from Covid

It would be wrong to conclude without a reference to the current concerns about equality for all, regardless of race or colour. NPAG have a background of promoting equality and we are taking this opportunity, with our host Trust, to learn and to review our approaches.

We look forward to seeing you all again soon. In the meantime, stay safe and do contact us if you would like to discuss any issues in this Bulletin.

The NPAG Team

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Car Parking has been an issue during the lockdown and this is a typical question received via the NPAG Network:

I understand that Covid-19 has stopped a lot of things in the car parking world, but as we are moving into phase 2 I have started to look at Boris' 4-point promise that he made at Christmas. Can I ask what others are doing?

What our Members are Saying

At NPAG we welcome feedback - positive and otherwise!

It is always very pleasing to hear that we are doing the right things and we were delighted to receive the following comments:

Following a mini virtual meeting of the **NHS Sustainability Leads Network** on 11 June there was the usual flurry of activity with members keen to help each other by sharing information that had been offered during the meeting. This is typical of one exchange:



Hi Patrick,

From the NPAG call this morning, it sounds like your Trust and UHB are in a similar place. We are looking at utilities procurement with a view to aligning how we do things across our sites. Some of our portfolio is with ... [description of current situation and challenges]

I'd be interested to hear any of the info you receive from the broader NPAG group, or equally I'm open to chatting to you about our findings so far.

Luke

Hi Luke,

Thank you.

We are certainly in a similar place and it was so helpful to hear from others earlier today. I have been somewhat left with this by our Procurement people! That's why discussing with others provides such great support.

Another NPAG success and in such challenging times too!

Patrick

This is what a member of the **Security group** said following a mini virtual meeting:

Hi Dale,

Thanks for that.

I thought the session went really well and was really informative. In most of the meetings I have attended everyone just talks over each other and it becomes messy and long.

This was really structured.

Hope to see you soon.

Scott

If you would like more information about becoming a member of one of our groups please contact:

[Marie](#) or [Victoria](#)

National District Nurses Network 2020-21

The NPAG National District Nursing Network is a large, dynamic, friendly group. It brings together District Nurses from all over the country to meet and share new ideas, discuss common problems, provide solutions, whilst being creative and innovative.

The network works closely with the Queen's Nursing Institute (QNI) and NHS England and Health Education England. It is an important resource for those organisations by providing an expert focus groups to lead and develop National strategy. The group has been running for several of years and has consequently developed a rich membership.



The Network holds an annual conference in December which is open to District Nurses Nationwide. Last year the event focused on Manchester and its devolved budget and we were delighted to have The Mayor of Greater Manchester Andy Burnham presenting an inspirational message to the delegates.

“The Network has introduced me to colleagues from across the country. It has made me realise that District Nurses have the same issues, it has given me the opportunity to discuss the these issues and to share solutions. The collaboration with the QNI provides us with the opportunity to have our say to lobby the government.” Group Member 2019-20

Over the last 2 years members have highlighted their initiatives and we have had some really interesting presentations including :

- ◆ Insulin Safety
- ◆ Nursing Associates and Assistant Practitioner
- ◆ Documentation

Why join? Our Chair says:

“The forever changing focus of the NHS can be exhausting, what is clear is that community is the focus for the future. The NDNN offers its members to be actively involved in influencing the policy and services of the future. It offers a form of supervision for its members, directing, advising and offering solutions”

The Network holds 4 meetings a year – with the current pandemic we are looking at other ways of networking including Virtual meetings, as well as continually monitoring the government guidance on:

- ◆ Face-to-face meetings
- ◆ Conferences

Interested? Please contact Victoria Combes for further details and secure your place:

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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.

If you are interested in working with us either in facilitating one of our national groups or developing a training package that we could deliver together then please contact Marie at the address below:

Marie Cherry: marie.cherry@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk.

What's hot for the coming months

National Networking Group Meetings

All BVG and Networking meetings have been postponed until the middle of June. Mini Virtual Meetings are now happening (see P.1).

Dates below may be subject to change:

August

- Waste Management

September

- Security Network
- Clinical Engineering North
- Clinical Engineering South
- Facilities South
- Estates
- NHS Sustainability Leads Network
- Resilience Development Network
- Operating Theatres

October

- Nursing & Temporary Staffing

Workshops & Events

Human Factor Onsite Training

Introduction to Resilience in the NHS, Onsite Training Workshop

Putting the Patient First Onsite Training Workshops

Equality & Diversity Onsite Training Workshops

For details of the above please contact:

[Marie Cherry](#)

Book your place now.....

Waste and Sustainability Conference: 26th November 2020, Midlands

Register your interest with:

[Marie Cherry](#)

Theatres and Decontamination Conference: 25th March 2021, Midlands

Register your interest with:

[Marie Cherry](#)

Clinical Engineering Conference: 14th September 2021, Midlands—New Date

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