

# NPAG News

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Welcome to the February edition of NPAG News.

Last month we looked at the way NPAG national groups were approaching the NHS green agenda. We reported the offer by Members of the NPAG NHS Sustainability Leads Network to present to other groups on the subject of pursuing a Net Zero NHS and to support them in their work. Some have already taken up the kind offer.

All of this has encouraged us at NPAG to review our own approach to sustainability. We have always tried to minimise the impact of our activities and services upon the environment, but without the benefit of a formal sustainability plan against which we could gauge our progress over time.

Over the next few weeks we will be taking steps to develop our first NPAG Green Plan, taking into account the Greener NHS guidance and applying it to our particular service and operational requirements.

Given the way we operate traditionally, utilising the services of a number of partner agencies—venues, business partners and associates—the majority of our emissions and cost reduction opportunities actually lie outside our own operations. We are therefore keen to look into the measurement and management of these ‘scope 3’ emissions.

As the first green shoots of spring start to appear we will also be busy developing our programme of meetings and events. See pages 3 and 4 for details of the Theatres and Decontamination Conference in May.

The NPAG Network has been busy again. But looking back over recent months it is interesting to see that some groups use the Network far more than others. Let us know, if you are not a regular Network user, what we can do to make the service more relevant to you.

We have been pleased to welcome a number of new Members over the last year, some representing Trusts that are also new to NPAG. See page 5.

Whether you are new to NPAG or a long-standing Member, have a good month everyone!

**The NPAG Team**

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*“I find the NPAG meetings and conference very useful as it gives Clinical Engineering Teams the opportunity to share information easily and request advice.”*

**Head of Medical Engineering,  
Birmingham Women’s and Children’s  
NHS Foundation Trust,  
NPAG Clinical Engineering Member**

## Clinical Engineering North & South Best Value Group 2022

CE South, Meeting 1: 8th March 2022, MS Teams

CE North, Meeting 1: 15th March 2022, MS Teams

The NPAG Clinical Engineering North and South Best Value Groups are two expert groups, enabling NHS Clinical Engineers to meet and share new ideas. Discussions on common problems, measurement of service providers performance, providing cost effective solutions, creative and innovative service design and networking take place with colleagues involved in this complex area. Both groups are aligned with common meeting agendas which include standard items such as identification of cost saving initiatives which aid efficiency and help departments save money. These savings can easily account for the membership fee. Data for Benchmarking is collated along with nationally standardised Key Performance Indicators.

Members are keen to invite presentations to meetings which always comprise an educational content, underpinning the CPD scheme. Membership consists of two meetings on MS Teams, one meeting in-person, and attendance at the annual NPAG Clinical Engineering Conference, which will take place on 15th September 2022.

*“NPAGs ongoing production and establishment of credible benchmarking data is invaluable towards the development of my Clinical Engineering department and function.”* 2021 Member, Medical Engineering Services Manager, The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust

### Key agenda items for 2022 meetings include:

- Benchmarking of Trust, budget and staffing
- Development of KPI targets
- Apprenticeship routes and courses
- Updates on new equipment and future trends
- PPM after Covid, risk and management
- Device training—how to do it effectively
- Open forum of cost savings and other initiatives
- Areas of good practice/problems
- Peer review of policies & procedures
- Recovery plans and risk assessments
- NPAG Network review of questions
- Review of information sharing & OneDrive data

### Current Challenges:

- Succession Planning—who is going to do your job?
- The future of accreditation
- Budget Pressures— Ideas to get ahead
- Quality Improvements
- Management of Risk
- Managing maintenance under increased operational pressure

### Why join? Our Clinical Engineering Facilitator says:

*“Joining the NPAG Clinical Engineering groups brings with it opportunities to discuss topics of mutual interest and to learn from others who are working in the same profession. Members are happy to share their own experiences in managing Clinical Engineering departments in areas such as training, resources, technical issues, quality and efficiencies. Common pressures are discussed and best practice shared.*

*At each of the meetings there are educational sessions where a topic of new clinical or test equipment may be discussed, or guidance on new or existing regulations presented. The opportunity to take part in National Clinical Engineering Department benchmarking provides members with hard data to use in supporting local business cases for improved resources and funding.”*

**FREE GMDN Membership Included** Free membership access for all NPAG Clinical Engineering North and South BVG members to the Global Medical Device Nomenclature Agency website at [www.gmdnagency.org](http://www.gmdnagency.org). GMDN is a system of internationally agreed terms used to identify medical devices.

**Interested?** Please contact Marie for further details e: [marie.cherry@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk](mailto:marie.cherry@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk)

**Try Before You Buy places** are available, please contact Marie for information.

## Theatres and Decontamination Conference

19<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Coventry Building Society Arena

This conference will provide delegates with the opportunity to hear from key speakers on a variety of subjects affecting theatres and decontamination science personnel. The programme will inform and educate delegates on subjects that affect their everyday life all of which will help contribute to the safety and care of our patients.

**Why Attend?** This annual one-day conference provides new insights into issues that are being talked about in real-time, today. The conference agenda has been developed by Theatre Managers and Decontamination Leads.

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

In 2020, delegate feedback was extremely positive with 100% of respondents recording they would recommend this conference to a colleague.

**Who Should Attend?** This conference is open to all NHS and non-NHS, Theatres, Clinical, Surgical and Decontamination Managers/ Leads.

### Message from Trevor Garcia, Chair:

*"This conference will give you the opportunity to hear updates in decontamination science and from our colleagues from theatre, with some sessions providing an insight into how the same situation affects us differently."*

### 2020 Conference Delegate Feedback:

*"Really informative conference with some common themes around benchmarking and quality improvements. Mark Campbell's presentation at the cutting edge of Sterilisation was fascinating."*

Presentations on the day will include:

- **Covid-19 Experiences and Learning**, Mark Rigby, Head of Theatre Services, Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- **Procurement CIPs in theatres / New Hospital Project / Theatres Utilisation and Efficiency**, Ajay Sooknah, Head of Operations SHCG, The Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust
- **Year 3 of Protein Residue Removal Study – University Hospital of Wales**, Mark Campbell, Decontamination Service Manager, Cardiff and Vale Health Board
- **Career Pathway for Decontamination**, Helen Campbell, IDSc Director of Education, & Consultant, Decontamination Education & Consulting
- **Human Factors**, Chris Gale, Training Academy Manager, Avensys
- **Utilising FRID within Sterile Services**, Alex Peters, Medical Device Asset Register Developer, University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust
- **Black Box Culture**, Damien Cottle, Managing Director, Pegasus Resource Management

### Interested?

Please contact us for details or to secure your place:

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**NHS Early Bird Rate: Book before the 28th February 2022 to secure the £95 rate.**

### Sponsorship Packages:

Please contact Marie Cherry for the sponsorship packages and exhibition stand availability.

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## Welcome to new Member Trusts

Many of our NPAG groups have been renewing over recent months. It has been very pleasing, even in the current challenging times, to welcome new Trusts and organisations to our groups. Some are brand new Trusts to NPAG, while others are already represented on some of our other national groups.

### Clinical Engineering

University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust  
Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust

### Estates

Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust  
The Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital NHS Trust

### Facilities

NHS Property Services Ltd  
North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust  
NTW Solutions, Part of Cumbria, Northumberland  
Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust Group  
Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS FT  
North Bristol NHS Trust  
Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt NHS FT

### Security

Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS FT  
Northern Care Alliance NHS Group  
Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust  
NTW Solutions Ltd  
Rotherham Doncaster and South Humber NHS Trust  
Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Trust  
Epsom & St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust  
The Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust  
University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS FT  
York & Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS FT

### Telecoms

Bedford Hospitals NHS Trust  
Epsom & St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust  
Guys and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

### Arts, Heritage & Design in Healthcare

Alder Hey Children Hospital NHS FT  
NHS England and Improvement

### NDNN

Northern Care Alliance  
St. Helen & Knowsley

### Waste Management

Cardiff and Vale NHS  
East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust  
Epsom & St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust  
Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health & Care NHS Trust  
George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust  
James Paget University Hospitals NHS Trust  
Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust  
NHS Borders  
North Tees and Hartlepool Solutions  
Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust  
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust  
Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust  
Salisbury NHS FT  
QE Facilities Ltd

### IT & Connectivity

Kingston Hospital NHS FT  
West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust  
Royal Surrey County Hospitals

### Sustainability Leads

Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS FT  
Cambridge & Peterborough NHS FT  
East Midlands Ambulance Service  
Hampshire Hospitals NHS FT  
North Devon Healthcare NHS Trust  
Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust  
Royal Papworth Hospital NHS FT  
University College London Hospitals FT  
University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust

### Car Parking

East Suffolk and North Essex NHS FT

**Thank you for choosing NPAG and Welcome!**

**For more information about our national groups please contact us!**

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## Helping our Members - NPAG Network

The NPAG Network continues to provide a very welcome service to all NPAG Best Value Group and Network members.

The service was developed by NPAG, recognising the need for a forum for healthcare providers to ask questions, request assistance and information, share documents, and get professional and practical advice from their peers throughout the UK, saving time and money in not re-inventing the wheel.

Members of the NPAG's Best Value and National Networking Groups form the nucleus of the Network – providing over 600 contacts throughout the UK. People remain very keen to share their experiences for the benefit of all.



These are some of the recent requests received.

*“I would like to engage with colleagues in the group with regards to food hygiene training at ward level – both in terms of which staff groups undertake this training and how it is delivered (i.e., by an external training provider or an inhouse SME).”*

Facilities South Member

*“We are looking at amalgamating some roles within the Trust and one of these includes transport and Car parking management. Would you please be able to ask the members if they would be kind enough to share any JDs they have for a Band 7 transport and car parking manager.”*

NHS Car Parking and Sustainable Transport Network Member

*“Is anyone aware of a NIV device that is capable of being centrally monitored?> We have the Breas Nippy 4's in service.”*

Clinical Engineering South

*“Could NPAG members share their facilities / domestic services structure please & identify whether they're community, mental health or acute Trusts please.”*

Facilities North Member

*“Would members, especially in the South West of England, be able to tell me what charges they will be asking of staff for car parking when we return to charging and also if you have a Park & Ride service for staff what your charges will be?”*

NHS Car Parking and Sustainable Transport Network Member

If you don't currently use the service, please do so. You will not be disappointed! Please send your NPAG Network requests to:

e: [npagnetwork@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk](mailto:npagnetwork@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk)

(Please note: You need to be an NPAG member to submit an enquiry).

## Clinical Professional Development for Occupational Health Nurses

NPAG's Clinical Professional Development for Occupational Health Nurses training programme is suitable for clinicians at all levels and experience within Occupational Health. The teaching provided within these modules provides opportunities for professional preceptorship and mentoring, differentiating the training at all levels. 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. Remaining course dates as follows:

- **Skin & Respiratory Surveillance: History Taking & Case Management, Friday 4th March 2022, Coventry**
- **Sickness Absence Management Referrals, Friday 11th March 2022, Coventry**
- **Occupational Health Condition Management, Friday 25th March 2022, Coventry**
- **Health Surveillance: History Taking & Case Management, Friday 1st April 2022, Coventry**

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## What's hot for the coming months

### National Networking Group Meetings

#### February

- Arts, Heritage and Design
- NHS Sustainability Leads
- Estates
- Resilience
- Operating Theatres

#### March

- Clinical Engineering—North and South
- Health Visiting and School Health Services
- NHS Car Parking & Sustainable Transport
- Nursing and Temporary Staffing
- Telecoms
- Waste Management

### Workshops & Events

**Clinical Professional Development for Occupational Health Nurses 2022**

**Human Factor Onsite Training**

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

**Putting the Patient First Onsite Training Workshops**

**Equality and Diversity Onsite Training Workshops**

**Assertiveness & Self-Management Training Workshops**

For details of the above please contact [Marie Cherry](mailto:marie.cherry@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk)

### Conference Dates

**Theatres and Decontamination Conference: 19th May 2022, Coventry**

Register your interest with:

[Marie Cherry](mailto:marie.cherry@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk).

**Clinical Engineering**

**Conference: 15th September 2022, Coventry**

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