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Welcome to the Easter 2023 Edition of NPAG News.

Whatever our faith, Easter is a joyful time of the year, representing as it does hope and new life. And the clocks have gone forward, with spring definitely trying to make an appearance at last.

Spring is always a busy time at NPAG. This year, as well as planning new Best Value Group meeting rounds and national conferences we are investigating the launch of a new national group in 2023. Last month we revealed that you had told us that the following areas could be of interest:

- ◆ Energy
- ◆ Learning and Development
- ◆ Midwifery

At a recent NPAG Team meeting we settled on Energy. This was partly to do with the fact that NPAG were delighted to be asked to support the rewrite by NHS England of the Health Technical Memorandum for making the most of energy in healthcare—HTM 07-02.

The target is to launch the new Energy group with a virtual event in the autumn. Please let us know your current hot topics in this area.

In the meantime we are commencing new rounds of some of our existing groups—see page 5 for details of the IT & Connectivity Network.

Please take care and have a very Happy Easter.

The NPAG Team

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Delegate at the 2022 Theatres & Decontamination Conference

Theatres and Decontamination Conference

18th May 2023

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 addition to the educational component of the day, this event will highlight products and services of commercial companies and how they can aid in the everyday, working lives of our delegates.

Who Should Attend?

This conference is open to all NHS and non-NHS theatres, clinical, surgical, sterile services, decontamination leads, GP's, theatre nurses, infection control and endoscopy staff.

2022 Conference Delegate Feedback:

"Excellent Conference was good to be able to network with both Theatres & Decontamination colleagues and also the Suppliers. Great venue, easy accessible from North West of England by either car or train."

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Interested?

Book before April 7th for the early bird rate.

All booking forms must be received by email or online via the NPAG website.

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Speakers

Tinashe Nyamande & Carol Chapman,

B.Braun & Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

Strategic Partnerships – What role can they play in tackling the challenges faced by hospitals today & how can they help strengthen our organisations for the future

Dan Pearce

Senior Implementation Manager, National Theatre Programme., NHS England

GIRFT – Getting It Right First Time

Mark Rigby

Head of Theatres Services, Warrington & Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Nigel Roberts

Head Theatre Practitioner, Birmingham Women's & Children's. Visiting Lecturer at Birmingham City Uni, PhD student at the university of Derby

Quantitative research results from across NHS England. Surgical Safety Checklist, LocSSIPs, Human Factors & the next stages to the PhD research

Meredith Smart

Research and Development Director, 20/30labs
IFU's What's the Relevance

Ajay Sooknah

Head of Operations Surgery HCG, The Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust
Project Management

Darren Mills

Independent Operating Department Practitioner, DM Health Consultancy
Tray Rationalisation – My Approach

Heidi Barnard

Head of Sustainability, Supply Chain Coordination Limited, Management Function of the

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Meet our sponsors:



IT and Connectivity Network 2023 24

Meeting 1 of 4: 3 May 2023 - virtual, via MS Teams

Do you work in IT, Medical Engineering or Digital Services? Are you looking to broaden your IT and medical engineering knowledge, maybe share your digital services learning, or to network with a wide group of professional peers?

If you answered yes to any, or all of those questions the following may be of real interest to you.

The last two years have been especially challenging for the NHS, but that has not reduced the strength and commitment of the NPAG IT and Connectivity Group. At the start of the last series of meetings, we continued to meet virtually rather than enjoy the many benefits of the traditional face to face sessions we've been used to. But in July we held our first face to face meeting for almost three years in central London.

For the coming series we are planning a mix of face to face and virtual meetings via Microsoft Teams. The traditional meetings will again be held in central London. Each of our meetings provide members with a very rare and valuable opportunity - the time to think. The space our meetings create allow us to explore with like-minded professionals the challenges – and the successes – of our work; and there has been some lively and interesting discussions over the year.

If you happen to be working in a technology based NHS service at the moment, you will know that the tentacles of IT reach into all areas of digital and healthcare technology; and just like a hydra's head, if you manage to resolve one IT issue you will also know that another two pop up almost immediately! In fact, sometimes it's just a challenge getting your own head around all the competing IT demands and complexities that are out there.

There are perhaps too many to talk about here, but we would like to share a few of them with you, in the hope that they may stimulate your interest enough to maybe come and join us next year? We certainly hope so.

- ◆ Hold professional discussions across the widening variety of disciplines attracted to the group
- ◆ Explore current topics and professional challenges
- ◆ Support each other by extending our contact with NPAG members between meetings
- ◆ Hear from others through presentations from credible and informative guest speakers and suppliers
- ◆ Learn from each other and exchange good practice

For the coming year we have identified some hot topics for discussion, set against a background of preparing to support plans for a Net Zero National Health Service.

- ◆ **'Greening IT' in pursuit of a Net Zero National Health Service**
- ◆ **Raising the IT literacy profile**
- ◆ **Engaging People in IT developments and Supporting them through change**
- ◆ **The Internet of Things (IOT) and Cyber Security / Cyber Essential**
- ◆ **The Standards that Apply to IT in healthcare**
- ◆ **Exploring 'themed' meetings where we can explore key topics in greater depth with invited expert guests**

"The IT and Connectivity Network brings together NHS Acute and Community IT professionals, including Clinical Engineering, to understand and overcome some of the interoperability, security and connection issues they, and their teams, face on a daily basis. More recently the Network has widened its reach into the areas of digital leadership, the impact of digital transformation, and supporting people through major IT changes, so that organisations can better engage their staff in the design of new and replacement systems." Communication and Engagement Lead, Kent and Medway NHS & Social Care Partnership Trust

Interested?

Try Before You Buy places are available. Please contact Laura Howe for further details.

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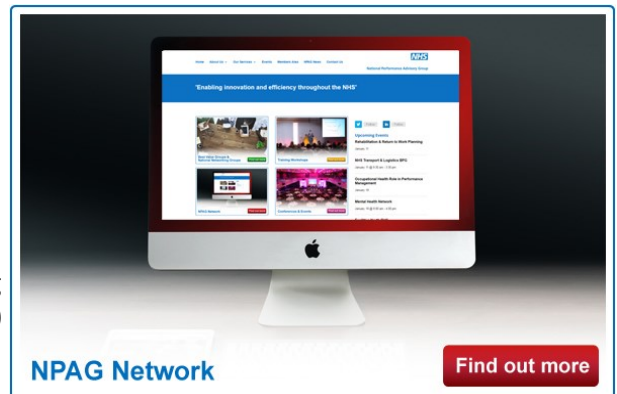
NPAGNetwork

Supporting our Members

The NPAG Network is available to all our Members and continues to provide a very welcome service.

NPAG developed the service, 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 reinventing 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.



Here are some extracts from recent Network questions:

"I have been asked to look at a Clinical Sustainability post, wondered if anyone had a job description they could share?"

NHS Sustainability Leads Network Member

"Please can you ask our members if anybody is aware of an alternative device to an fisher and Paykel Airvo 2 device that has battery backup?"

Clinical Engineering South Member

"Can I ask if anyone is cleaning Theatres when they are closed? For example we have some theatres that only open Monday to Friday but we clean them on the days when they are not in operation. Any insight into what other Trust do would be really helpful."

Facilities North Member

"Does anyone have terms of reference for a parking permit appeals panel?"

NHS Car Parking and Sustainable Transport Network Member

"Nursing Associate competencies in a community setting, do they include controlled drug administration of sub cut medication?"

NDNN Member

"I wondered if any members had experience or testimony of outsourced postal services, ideally downstream access postal services. Any responses would be greatly appreciated."

Facilities North 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

Please note, you need to be an NPAG member to submit an enquiry and members must have permission to share documentation with NPAG.

Keeping in touch - Email Exchange service

All our NPAG groups operate within a framework that seeks to ensure a consistent, high quality service.

The guidelines do allow for flexibility of operation, and some groups have developed their own Email Exchange Q&A service, which sits alongside the NPAG Network, covered elsewhere.

This also allows for questions to be put to the group Members from NHS England and Improvement contacts, etc. and for sharing of documents and ideas between meetings.

We thought it would be interesting to continue to share some of the recent, very varied traffic.



Here is a small selection from recent weeks:

"Does any trust identify the patient gender at birth pre operatively?"

Has anyone experienced a patient that identifies as the opposite sex socially but has not disclosed their birth gender? Has anyone experienced issues regarding pregnancy testing with transgender patients?"

Operating Theatre Managers Group Member

"I have some questions for members about their art insurance:

- I'd like to know what kind of art insurance they have for their art collection, either for new pieces recently purchased or other pieces from the permanent collection.***
- Whether they have separate insurance from the general insurance of their Estate or all newly purchased works become insured under the same estate general insurance."***

Arts, Heritage and Design in Healthcare Member

"I wonder if the group would be interested in the following stats. The figures have to be taken on the back drop of 7,300 staff employed and 6,500 live car parking permits, which gives a depressing figure of only 12% of staff using an alternative method to the CAR, in getting to work. Compared with pre-covid showing off around 25%. This year's survey achieved 585 Staff responses, in 2021 I had 658 responses."

NHS Car Parking and Sustainable Transport Network Member

"I am interested to find out if there are any trusts in the group that use the warp it system and also involve local businesses, charities or schools etc. to take their unwanted items?"

Waste Management Member

"Please find attached copy of the earlier Risk Assessment for Multi Storey car park on our main acute site at the Ulster Hospital and a later version – the older version will help folk see what was considered at the time of the initial assessment and current control measures being considered. Please share as appropriate to the group."

NHS Car Parking and Sustainable Transport Network Member

"We are being told that Human Factors training is documented as a "National Requirement" for all Theatre Staff. Is this something that anyone is aware of and if so where is this documented?"

Operating Theatre Managers Group Member

"I was wondering if any of you work with Dental nurses or know of Agencies that provide Dental nurses? I have been to some of our agencies we work with, but they seem not to have any on their books. If you know of any, would really appreciate it if you could pass on the contacts."

Nursing and Temporary Staffing Group Member

Working in partnership with NPAG

NPAG has established many important partnerships over the years. We work closely with a number of excellent training providers and business associates.

NPAG is currently looking to recruit either one or two associates with experience of in the following areas, or an interest in:

Energy

If this is of interest to you, please contact us:

e: info@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk

What's hot for the coming months

National Networking Group Meetings

April

- EPRR
- Facilities South
- NHS Sustainability Leads
- Violence Reduction and Security Management
- NHS Transport & Logistics BPG

May

- IT and Connectivity
- Decontamination (Conference)
- NDNN
- Operating Theatres (Conference)

Workshops & Events

Clinical Professional Development for Occupational Health Nurses

Please contact [Marie Cherry](#).

Human Factor Onsite Training

Introduction to Resilience in the NHS, Onsite Training Workshop

Equality and Diversity Onsite Training Workshops

Assertiveness & Self-Management Training Workshops

Please contact [Marie Cherry](#).

Putting the Patient First Onsite Training Workshops

Please contact: [Laura Howe](#).

Sponsors! 2023 Conferences:

Please register your interest to sponsor the following conference:

- **Theatres and Decontamination Conference, Thursday 18th May 2023, Coventry Building Society Arena**
- **Clinical Engineering Conference, Tuesday 12th September 2023, Midlands**
- **National District Nurses Conference, Tuesday 28th November 2023, The Park Inn, Northampton**

Please email your interest to sponsor the relevant conference above, and your details will be recorded. You will be contacted with booking details shortly. Please email: e: info@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk

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