

Welcome to the October 2023 Edition of NPAG News

Despite the unseasonably warm weather in many parts of the UK, Autumn is now well underway. With it comes one of the busiest seasons of the year for NPAG, not least because it's topped and tailed by two annual national conferences.

The **Clinical Engineering Conference** kicked off our Autumn season in mid September with another enormously successful event, the biggest year to date! *We carry a full report on page 2.* The next big event is the **2023 National District Nurses Conference**, taking place on 28th November. *Find out more about what to expect and how to attend on page 6.*

We also began new rounds of some of our most popular national groups over the last month —NHS Sustainability Leads, Operating Theatres and Telecoms, welcoming many new faces alongside returning members. All this alongside mid-round meetings for 5 of our Groups over the last month with 6 more scheduled across October.



Of course, with Autumn comes change and we are delighted to announce a new best value group — the Energy Network. Initially launching as a trial, we're excited to test the water for this increasingly hot topic, with the inaugural meeting taking place on 23rd November. We welcome involvement from all Trusts and anticipate a lively discussion around a packed agenda. *See more details on page 8.*

As the season progresses, we'll also be looking ahead to what's coming for 2024. Already we have exciting plans in the pipeline for a new national event and an evolving and expanding facilitated training offer. Watch this space!

We hope you have a great month and look forward to seeing many of you at one of our Autumn meetings or events. In the meantime, if there are any ideas about services or groups that you would like to share, please get in touch at npagnews@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk.

We wish you all the best from,

The NPAG Team

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I really enjoyed the conference and found the presentations most informative. Well done to you and your team for all the hard work, keep it up!



**Delegate
Clinical Engineering Conference**



Clinical Engineering Conference

A Vision for the Future

Event Report

On 12th September, NPAG hosted the 14th Annual Clinical Engineering Conference. The event saw over 65 delegates, 10 speakers and 27 exhibitors attend, with one speaker flying over from America specifically for the event!

Our theme, '**A Vision for the Future**' was chosen to help us think ahead and to encourage us to learn from what colleagues are exploring in their departments. Whether it was a new way of managing home care maintenance or developing risk strategies, or even new ways to network, there was something for everyone.

We started the day hearing from **Jake Palmer, Planning and Projects Lead for the DHSC** on the National Equipment Tracking Information System (NETIS). Learning lessons from the pandemic, and seeking to inform the new Med Tech Strategy.

Paul White, Head of Clinical Engineering at Cambridge University Hospitals explained how virtual wards had been developed at Cambridge. The 'oximetry at home' project during Covid - with all the concerns over accuracy etc. - had nevertheless provided an opportunity to look more closely into setting up virtual wards. We learned how the project had moved on from the uncoordinated device-purchasing processes of the past to a daily 'virtual ward round' and standardised equipment.

Next, **Jason Koster** brought **Cohealo Inc's** vision of asset management to our attention. Working with NHS Supply Chain and major London hospitals, they have been taking data from clinical cases, inventory, clinician preferences, working day length and local knowledge to assess whether more equipment is required or whether it could be shared.

Thomas Hague from UCLH brought us back to the reality of trying to plan equipment maintenance through risk management.

The approach at UCLH will use the traditional Likelihood x Consequences model due to its familiarity amongst other professionals, making it understandable. A draft risk assessment form has been produced.

Oliver Pearson of British Medical Auctions turned the spotlight on Sustainability. The health service contributes around 4-5% of total UK carbon emissions and he asked how we can influence Scope 3 emissions in pursuit of a net zero NHS.

After lunch and a great networking opportunity, we heard from **Ruth Thomsen, Scientific Director NHSE**, who shared with us how the early days of the pandemic happened and how clinical engineers became involved.

Tackling lost and missing equipment was the subject of a presentation from **Kulpreet Singh, Quality Manager, Greater Glasgow and Clyde**. In the Glasgow area assets sent into the community (clinics and homes) were being lost and a sizeable £11m loss of some 7,300 assets projected. The rate of losing equipment in the community was said to be 2.5x higher than within a hospital.

Turning our attention to clinical developments, **Simon Martin and Sam Bovan from SpaceLabs Healthcare** brought is up to date with the latest work in holter recordings. The new challenges in this field result in the analysis of huge amounts of data as the drive is always to improve patient care, whilst providing a solution for clinicians.

Our last presentation of the day was from the NPAG IT and Connectivity Network co-chairs, **Patrick Maw, and Maryam Mirjafari**.

A relatively new group set up specifically to work on this rapidly developing area where Clinical Engineering and IT meet. Members were asked to consider whether this subject is an area that they should be investing more time in and plans for future work were shared.

Paul Blackett,
NPAG Clinical Conference Chair
and Facilitator



Clinical Engineering Conference 2023

A Vision for the Future

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Conference delegate, Application Engineer, Rigel Medical

I just wanted to give feedback that I received from my colleagues. They enjoyed the event and thought it was a very productive and busy event, resulting in some good leads.

Conference Exhibitor, Spacelabs Healthcare

A very impressive event and a helpful one from the department's perspective also.

Conference Presenter, DHSC

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National District Nurses Conference 2023

District Nurses - The Past. The Present. The Future

28th November 2023

Northampton Town Centre Hotel

Why Attend?

This is a one-day conference aimed at Community NHS Managers, Integrated Managers, District Nurse Managers, District Nurses and SPQ Students within District Nursing.

There has been so much excellent work done via NHSE/I with the Community Nursing Plan. Working closely with the QNI and with new standards, our members have also been busy in their work area's implementing new initiatives. But how does this all morph into practice?

We remain committed to being a collective voice for District Nurses to continue to provide safe, quality patient care. 2020 was the year of the nurse, and there were many plans to celebrate, but that ended, like so many other events, due to the pandemic. So, we thought in this conference lets look at the past, the present, and the future: The history of the District Nurse from its conception in Liverpool, to the current situation in district nursing and what the future holds. How we can continue to have a voice and how that voice can be stronger in the future.

Exhibition

Delegates will have access to an exhibition throughout the day, with plenty of opportunity to network with representatives from the District Nursing industry. You will also, of course, have ample opportunity to network amongst yourselves – a key element of added value at any conference.

The Venue

The conference will be taking place in The Buckingham Suite at [The Northampton Town Centre Hotel by Accor](#).



Interested? Please contact us for details or to secure your place: info@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk

Conference Agenda

Registration Open, Welcome refreshments available on arrival. Time for Networking & visiting the Exhibition

Chairperson & Facilitator Welcome, Libby Horridge, NPAG Associate Facilitator, & Rebekah Matthews, Integrated Pathway Manager at Sheffield Teaching Hospital NHS FT

The History of the QNI - Dr. Crystal Oldman CBE & Professor John Unsworth OBE

NHSE Update - Sam Sherrington, Deputy Director Community Nursing

REFRESHMENT BREAK, EXHIBITION & NETWORKING

Community Kit Bag - Melanie Cabbage, Associate Director of Community Nursing, Experience & Improvement

Presentation Title TBC - Conleth Kelly, Senior Lecturer

LUNCH, EXHIBITION & NETWORKING

Presentation Title TBC - Dr. Susan Cohen, Author of Nurses and Nursing

TBC

Presentation Title TBC - Anita Rolfe, Deputy Chief Nursing Officer

REFRESHMENT BREAK, EXHIBITION & NETWORKING

QNI Update - Dr. Crystal Oldman CBE

Electronic Prescribing - Tracey Ellershaw, Deputy Associate Director of Nursing

Chairperson/Facilitator Summary, Libby Horridge and Rebekah Matthews

Conference Close

Meet our Business Partners:



"How exciting to be part of a conference covering these themes. I have worked in community nursing for 30 years and I have seen so many positive changes during this time. I still feel as privileged today to work in a service that has over 160 years of documented history. I look forward to walking through some of those steps during the day also looking at the great work we are presently doing and having a look at the future possibilities and innovations." Rebekah Matthews, NDNN Chairperson



National Performance
Advisory Group

Violence Reduction and Security Management Network 2023-24

Meeting 1: 12th October 2023, MS Teams

The role of Violence Reduction & Security Management in the NHS is of great importance and so too is the role of the NPAG Violence Reduction & Security Management Network in supporting those involved in this area.

One of the major benefits is that it is a national network—thereby offering a greater range of sharing and learning than can be achieved with more local networks.

At our meetings important new initiatives have been presented & discussed. The Network has received legal advice relating to various issues or challenges that can be presented to those who manage security & related data has been shared amongst the group.

The Network has reviewed & commented on the new Violence Prevention & Reduction Standards recently published by NHSE. It has also received expert input from the HSE, industry representatives, and other leaders in the field.

Agendas are member led and include a 'Hot Topics' slot where members can raise current issues. Between meetings members network with each other, facilitated by NPAG, enabling members to seek advice, often getting answers the same day, even within the hour! This is a highly valuable facility and is available to anyone who joins the VR&SM Network.

"I find the meetings to be a fantastic way of sharing lessons learned and information with other Security Managers. The meetings have covered some fantastic and very informative topics, all of which are provided to you after the meeting so you can take them away for your own knowledge. There comes a time when we would all like to compare a policy or just get the thoughts and opinions from other professionals in the same role and the NPAG VR&SM Network provides this information through the networking scheme."

**Security Manager,
Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust**

Why Join? Our Chair says...

"We have seen changes within the centre around a lessening of resources available to support the Violence Prevention & Reduction agenda. Another year on & there is still no central body to advise & support the management of security within healthcare premises. The sharing of best practice, guidance & support from external experts has never been more valuable in supporting all NHS Trusts in the UK. This is complimented by the significant knowledge & expertise of the members. I look forward to the next round of meetings & welcoming everyone back."

Interested?

Why not come and see for yourself and you can **Try Before You Buy!**

The first meeting in this round will take place via Microsoft Teams on Thursday 12th October, followed by a further 3 more meetings across 2024.

Please contact Marie Cherry for further details:

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NPAG Energy Network

Thursday 23rd November 2023 - Inaugural Meeting

Healthcare buildings contribute 15% of the total NHS carbon footprint, which means that reducing emissions in this area is essential if the health service is to reach its world-first net zero goal.

At NPAG we have a long track record of supporting healthcare managers in reducing emissions, effecting cost savings, and providing better health and wellbeing services. Improving energy efficiency in hospitals delivers value for the NHS and the communities it serves – in more ways than one.

We have existing Networks focused on Sustainability and on Waste Management, both of which are very popular. To work alongside those existing groups, and responding

Why attend?

- You will also have the opportunity to discuss the topics, identify those that people feel should be explored further, agree the agenda for the next meetings and identify speakers that people consider would add value for the group.
- You will hear from NHS England, Trust representatives and suppliers about the issues.
- Once the Group is established, collaboration will not be confined to the formal meetings and members will be

Why Energy?

NPAG is always keen to consult with healthcare professionals on how we can better support you in your everyday roles. We have had a number of approaches asking if we would consider introducing a group dedicated to Energy in the NHS. The subject is already covered on the agendas of other groups such as Estates and Sustainability but, given the increasing challenge of planning for a net zero National Health Service and the national work being undertaken to update the Energy HTM07-02 under the heading of making energy work in healthcare, we felt the time was right.

Interested?

Why not come and see for yourself!

The inaugural meeting will take place via MSTeams on Thursday 23rd November 2023.

To register your interest please contact Laura Howe at laura.howe@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk

“NPAG Best Value Groups continue to prove popular with members, offering a wide range of benefits, including the sharing of innovative practice, by bringing together colleagues in a facilitated environment. Our groups have helped influence Government policy, many of these involved in formal consultation with the central bodies such as NHS England and the DHSC.”

NPAG Network and Email Exchange service

The NPAG Network is available to all Members and continues to provide a welcome service. It was created to meet 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.

Some of NPAG's national groups have developed their own Email Exchange Q&A service, which sits alongside the NPAG Network.

Recent examples:



"Can anyone recommend a company to source digital signage indicating where we have spaces on site? We have one acute site that has multiple car parks so interested to hear what is already being used in the NHS."

NHS Car Parking and Sustainable Transport Network Member

"1. Please advise on capital medical equipment allocation for 23/24 for:

a. Routine replacement

b. New developments

2. Rough estimation of your trust capital medical equipment replacement value (incl VAT) ."

Clinical Engineering North Member

"Please can we ask the NDNN network what band their Health Care support workers are on nights please? not lone working." **NDNN Member**

"I am looking for some information around mixed plastic recycling that can't go into DRM We have found a lot of our small plastics cant go into our DRM waste stream due to the contractor and was wondering if/what other trusts have in place." **Waste Management Member**

"Please can you ask the group if anyone uses an electronic platform for PAM or ERIC and which electronic platform they use and how well it works. Any suggestions from any of the group around the management of the platforms who is responsible how time consuming etc." **Facilities South Member**

"As some of you may know I am a student on the Creative Health MASc at UCL. My dissertation project is a case study of UCLH's staff arts offer Creative Comfort looking to learn what impact creative activity has had on staff participants in Creative Comfort. I would like to invite you to take part in a survey to map the staff arts offer in your hospital." **Arts, Heritage and Design in Healthcare Member**

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If you don't currently use these services, please do so. You will not be disappointed!

For NPAG Network requests email: npagnetwork@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk

What's hot for the coming months

National Networking Group Meetings

Facilities (South)

Health Visiting and School Health Services

IT & Connectivity

NHS Transport & Logistics

Violence Reduction & Security Management Network

Temporary Workforce Network

Clinical Development for Occupational Health Professionals

COSHH Health Surveillance

Wed 4th October, half day virtual workshop Part 1

Wed 11th October, half day virtual workshop Part 2

Employment & Pre-Placement Health Assessment

Wed 18 October, half day virtual workshop Part 1

Wed 25 October, half day virtual workshop Part 2

Noise & Vibration Health Surveillance & Case Management

Wed 1st November, half day virtual workshop Part 1

Wed 8th November, half day virtual workshop Part 2

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Workshops & Events

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Assertiveness & Self-Management Training Workshops

Putting the Patient First Onsite Training Workshops

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- There is still limited availability to sponsor the **National District Nurses Conference** on Tuesday 28th November 2023, Northampton Town Centre Hotel

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