

Practice Learning Team (PLT) Co-ordinators Newsletter



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Graduate Nurse Training: Curriculum update

The Practice Learning work stream Group had a day away on Monday 28th June. This was a very positive and productive day which resulted in a number of proposals for future discussion. It was agreed that PLTs will have a major role to play in the development of the new curriculum.

Wendy Percy and Kate O'Leary have been appointed as Practice Learning Co-ordinators for the new curriculum. Kate will be covering the Boston, Grantham and Lincoln areas, whilst Wendy will be liaising with the Nottingham, Mansfield and Derby areas. Kate and Wendy will be producing Newsletters for dissemination via PLTs and attending PLT meetings. One of the main areas for discussion is which model of mentorship to use. A proposal has been put forward for us to consider students having a named mentor and base for one year, then access additional throughout the year via a learning pathway.

To further explore the possibility of using a learning pathway approach to student placements, PLTs are being asked to map the placements that they are currently using maybe as insight visits for students.

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Essential Skill Clusters

Regarding the Patient Group Direction ESC on line assessment, it is almost ready and should be available for use for cohort 08/09, semester 5/6 (September 2010). Further information will be available at the July ESC meeting.

Clare Wilson and colleagues have produced a Branch ESC DVD with excellent acting skills and quality of production. A copy will be issued to each PLT Chair at a later date.

Sign off Mentors

All students who started training from October 2007 will need an annotated Sign off Mentor for their management placement.

New circular from the NMC state that new SoM will be required to undertake 3 assessments only one of which must be completed signing off a management student www.nmc-org.uk

Chris Wheable (Practice Support Teacher) has developed an online package for assessments one and two this will shortly be available. It is also planned to include the package as an add on to the Supporting Practice Learning module for those experienced mentors who feel ready to take on the role.

Simulation Project

Following a proposal from Liz Aston, funding has been agreed by the Division of Nursing Executive for the development of simulation rooms at QMC and the Derby Centre, Mansfield to commence work on theirs later in the year.

Student Evaluation of Practice

A task and finish group is to review the on line Student Evaluation of Practice form. This is in light of evaluation feedback received from students, a reduced response rate, and some concerns which have been expressed by Lecturers regarding the SEP process.

PLT Conferences

This year's annual PLT Conferences:

Boston 30th June 2010

Lincoln 7th July 2010

Nottingham 2nd July

Derby 22nd July 2010

Mansfield 17th September 2010