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| **National Training Programme for Professional**  **Nurse Advocates** |

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| **Identifying Primary Care Nurses across England**  **to receive a PNA Training Programme funded by NHS England and NHS Improvement** |
| It is widely recognised that all sectors of the healthcare workforce were already experiencing widespread stress, mental health problems and burnout, the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) and the associated morbidity and mortality has challenged the health services. These existing levels of work-related health problems are likely rise further due to the exceptional pressure that many primary care nurses are experiencing. (Kinman et al 2020; NHS Confederation 2020; West et al 2020).  The role of a Professional Nurse Advocate (PNA) and the use of A-EQUIP model (advocating for education and quality improvement) is well placed to facilitate support during this time of recovery and restoration of the nursing workforce. In order to provide further support to primary care nursing staff, there is a need to increase the number of PNAs across the country.  The training will provide the participants with the skills to facilitate restorative supervision (to enhance health and wellbeing) to colleagues and teams within primary care services and beyond. In addition, the training equips nurses to lead and deliver quality improvement initiatives in response to service demands and changing patient requirements.    Currently there are no PNA’s trained in Primary Care as Professional Nurse Advocates (PNA’s) within England. NHSE/I have funded the PNA Training Programme and appointed Higher Education Institutes (HEI’s) throughout England to deliver the training.  The course consists of a 10-day virtual programme which is accredited at Level 7 and therefore PNA students will need to hold an accredited Level 6 qualification.  **References:**  Kinman et al (2020) “The mental health and well-being of nurses, midwives in the UK”: The Society of Occupational Medicine; NHS Confederation (2020) “Covid-19 and the health and care workforce: supporting our greatest asset”;  West et al (2020) “The Courage of Compassion supporting nurses and midwives to deliver high quality care” (Kings Fund for Royal College of Nursing) |
| **Application for PNA training**  Using the form provided, please email your expression of interest form to the Regional Lead: **Karen Cameron** [**england.eastpna@nhs.net**](mailto:england.eastpna@nhs.net) by **16:00 on** **Monday 20th December 2021.** |

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| **Expression of Interest Form** | | | |
| **Employers name** | | |  |
| **Primary Care Network** | | |  |
| **Integrated Care Systems** | | |  |
| **General Practice Name** | | |  |
| **Name of person completing form:** | | |  |
| **Job title of person completing form:** | | |  |
| **Email Address of person completing form:** | | |  |
| **Date** | | |  |
| **Criteria** | **Brief summary of evidence to meet criteria (minimum 300 words)** | | |
| Can demonstrate that you meet the academic criteria (Level 6)  *Examples:*   * Degrees * Accredited Level 6 CPD |  | | |
| Can demonstrate that you have the capacity to commit to completing the PNA Training |  | | |
| Can demonstrate that you are ready to commence a PNA training in February 2022. |  | | |
| What support would you require in practise whilst receiving a remote PNA Training programme? |  | | |
| **Additional Needs**  (ie.Dyslexia, ADHD etc.) | | | |
| **Further Comments – 2 cohorts in Feb**  (ie. Please inform us of any planned annual leave)  Cohort 1 dates: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd Feb, 1st,8th, 15th, 22nd March, 5th, 12th & 25th April  Cohort 2 dates: 23rd Feb, 2nd, 9th,16th, 22nd, 30th March, 6th, 13th,20th, 27th April  Please circle preferred Cohort | | | |
| **Practice Manager/Lead Nurse to Complete – prior to submission**   * Practice Manager/Lead Nurse Name * Practice Manager/Lead Nurse Email * Practice Manager/Lead Nurse Signature Required – Approving Candidate holds a Level 6 Qualification and the candidate can commit to undertaking the PNA Training Programme | | | |
| **Name** | |  | |
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| **Signature - Required** | |  | |