**The North East London General Practice Nurse Vocational Training Scheme - January 2025**



**Is your practice interested in recruiting and training a new Practice Nurse?**

**Has your practice recently employed a nurse who is new to General Practice?**

**Have you employed a qualified Registered Nurse Degree Apprentice, who has finished their course?**

North East London Primary Care Lead Nurses are now planning for the January 2025, 4th cohort of the General Practice Nurse Vocational Training Scheme (GPN VTS) for Registered Nurses in General Practice.

The Postgraduate Diploma for Primary Care (Practice Nursing) course starts in January 2025 lasting 12 months.

We know that practices and PCNs are struggling to recruit experienced practice nurses. With this in mind, the GPN Vocational Training Scheme supports practices to ‘grow our own’ and work together to train and retain nurses in North East London.

The scheme will recruit at least 20 nurses who want to pursue a career in general practice in North East London practices. We will work with you as an employing host practice to enable your GPN VTS nurse to gain competency based clinical skills and complete a post-graduate diploma at Level 7 at City and St Georges, University of London. At the end of the year nurses will be confident, competent, capable and qualified general practice nurses.

Each employing practice will access a training grant of £20,000 and each university place is fully subsidised.

Please take a look at this video detailing The Hoxton Surgery Experience - [Hoxton - Stakeholders Perspective](https://nhs-my.sharepoint.com/%3Av%3A/g/personal/stacy_powell_nhs_net/EWBbLx9pZupAibMh05AoxB8BM86xywcCu-DHR94jyHq5jg?e=RxFJzz&nav=eyJyZWZlcnJhbEluZm8iOnsicmVmZXJyYWxBcHAiOiJTdHJlYW1XZWJBcHAiLCJyZWZlcnJhbFZpZXciOiJTaGFyZURpYWxvZy1MaW5rIiwicmVmZXJyYWxBcHBQbGF0Zm9ybSI6IldlYiIsInJlZmVycmFsTW9kZSI6InZpZXcifX0%3D&referrer=Outlook.Web&referrerScenario=email-linkwithembed)

*“Our GPN VTS is motivated, inquiring, and hardworking. Always reads around new topics to gain deeper understanding, and utilises this knowledge when working with patients. Reflective in practice and when she has reached difficulties in the past, will come to me for supervision”.* ***GPN Supervisor***

*“It is a pleasure working with our GPN VTS as she has shown a high degree of interest in her training right from day one. Working alongside many different clinicians can be confusing, but this may be an advantage to the GPN VTS as it will help her to form better techniques of her own”.* ***Practice Manager***

*“My supervisor has been great! Both my supervisor and practice manager have made this process very smooth for me. The order in which the modules are set coincide with what I am learning in practice. Opting to train in City and Hackney allows me to have access to great training resources which further enhances my knowledge and skill base as some peers do not have access to this. I am continuously recommending this course to RNs as a ladder into Primary Care”.****GPN VTS 2023-24 Cohort***

**If your practice, PCN or joint partnership would like to express an interest in employing a nurse to participate in the NEL GPN VTS in January 2025 , or if you have a nurse who you would like to recommend to take part in the scheme please read the invitation letter and sign the EOI or Practice Commitment Contracts and return to the NEL GPN VTS at:** **nelondonicb.gpnvts@nhs.net** **by close of play on Friday 11th October 2024.**