Guidance and Training for Advanced Level Practice

Practitioners Working at an Advanced Level

Practitioners working at an advanced level come from a range of professional backgrounds such as Nursing, Pharmacy, Paramedics and Occupational Therapy. They are healthcare professionals educated to MSc level and have developed the skills and knowledge to allow them to take on expanded roles and scope of practice caring for patients.

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Advanced practitioners are instrumental in supervising the multi-professional team in PC, they attract and lead research, audit, and quality improvement work. They manage medical/clinical complexity and can manage both patient and practitioner uncertainty. They have a leadership role across Primary Care Networks (PCN) and in the Integrated Care Systems (ICS) around pathways and population health.

Health Education England - Centre for Advancing Practice

The Centre for Advancing Practice (CfAP) has been developed to help implement the HEE Multi Professional Framework for Advanced Clinical Practice in England. Currently much work is underway accrediting MSc program meets the requirements of the framework. Practitioners in the future who successfully complete these programs will be recognised by the CfAP and the practitioner placed on a public facing advanced practitioner directory. In addition to completion of a CfAP accredited program there will also be the option for practitioners to gain entry on the directory by using a portfolio route to recognition by uploading evidence of capability onto an online portal currently under development. Further information regarding the CfAP can be found on the link below: https://www.hee.nhs.uk/our-work/advanced-clinical-practice
Health Educational England - Regional Faculties for Advancing Practice

Each HEE Region now has a Faculty for Advancing Practice to support the work of the CfAP. Each Faculty has a Lead, a Supervision and Assessment Lead. The Midlands Faculty Lead is Dr Julian Barratt. You can contact the Faculty by email on apfac.midlands@hee.nhs.uk and their website is currently under development.

The Derbyshire Advanced Clinical Practice Operational Group

The Derbyshire Advanced Clinical Practice Operational Group (DACP) are working with the Derbyshire Training Hub and the Wider System Workforce Development Group to support and standardise advanced clinical practice roles which follows the publication of the Health Education England (HEE) Multi-professional Framework for Advanced Clinical Practice in England in November 2017. The DACP aim to standardise advanced level practice across all clinical settings in the region.

Multi-professional framework for advanced clinical practice in England.pdf (hee.nhs.uk)
Nurses working at Advanced Clinical Practice Level in Primary Care and General Practice

Over a number of years, the role of the nurse has evolved within primary, community and secondary care. Nurses have in many ways been the pioneers of enhanced and advanced roles within many settings including general practice/primary care. The NHS needs a workforce that is fit for the future and nurses with advanced clinical practice knowledge and skills will be able to both lead and work within and across teams to provide excellent care for people.

ACP Primary Care Nurse Fwk 2020.pdf (hee.nhs.uk)

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Nurses with advanced clinical practice knowledge and skills will be able to both lead and work within and across multi-professional teams to provide excellent prevention and care for people accessing
their services. Fundamentally the framework sets a standard and offers the opportunity for practitioners to develop and evidence their knowledge and skills, enabling the highest standards of practice as well as providing a structure for career and role development within primary care.

The framework includes a link to a range of portfolio tools adapted with kind permission of the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP). These tools have been mapped to the nursing framework for ease of use and there is guidance on how to compile a portfolio of evidence of capability.

Advanced practice frameworks for **Occupational Health** and **Dietetics** in primary care will be available later in 2021.

**Paramedic & Podiatry** Advanced Practice capabilities are integrated in the FCP-Advanced Practice Roadmaps.

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