

Is National Oversight of Training Important?

The national oversight of training is an important means of ensuring consistency of approach across the healthcare science workforce. It helps to give assurance that training is secure, it can promote improvements to our approach to training by sharing experience and it can help enhance the identity of the scientific workforce. This session will summarise the role NES plays in overseeing quality assurance and also provide an overview of the different perspectives from stakeholders including trainees, services and patients. In addition, it will provide an open forum for discussion surrounding quality assurance and national oversight.

When:

Session 1: Monday 1 February (1000 – 1100)

Session 6: Wednesday 3 February (1400 – 1500)

Is Virtual Training Actually Better?

In the past year we have had to adapt to significant challenges posed by the impact of the global COVID-19 pandemic. This has resulted in training events and training courses having to move to virtual platforms to enable them to continue to be delivered. This session will discuss the advantages and disadvantages this brings and explore the alternative teaching/learning methods currently being utilised by NES. It will also provide you with an opportunity to try one of these methods, providing real-time interaction with attendees.

When:

Session 2: Monday 1 February (1400 – 1500)

Session 5: Wednesday 3 February (1000 – 1100)

How Do We Stay On Track?

An integral part of the quality assurance role of NES is to ensure clear training planning and to review progression throughout healthcare science training within NHS Scotland. This session will provide an overview of the importance of having an appropriate training plan in place, and why reviewing progression (using the ARCP process) is important. It will also detail the role NES plays with regards to both of these processes and how this all links to quality monitoring and ensures training standards.

When:

Session 3: Tuesday 2 February (1000 – 1100)

Session 8: Thursday 4 February (1400 – 1500)

When Things Go Wrong...

Despite careful training planning, there is always the possibility of unforeseen problems. This session will discuss the responsibilities trainees and supervisors have during training, and the cause and effects of difficulties which can arise. It will also offer examples of proven methods which can be used to mitigate and resolve difficulties. Finally, it will detail the role of NES in quality monitoring of training and offer ways in which we can offer help and support when required.

When:

Session 4: Tuesday 2 February (1400 – 1500)

Session 7: Thursday 4 February (1000 – 1100)

Lockdown Stories

The 2020 global COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting lockdown has presented us with an unprecedented year. NHS Scotland was challenged to maintain normal service where possible while also paving a path ahead into uncharted territory. This session will provide an overview of the challenges we all faced and the impact they have had on healthcare science training, both in the short and longer term. The session offers a selection of stories from a range of trainees within our healthcare science community faced with the need to adapt.

When:

Session 9: Friday 5 February (1000 – 1115)