



Inaugural meeting of the Association of Academic General Practice Nurse Educators

Tuesday 5th June 2018

Meeting Notes

Present:

Donna Davenport – Manchester Metropolitan University	Ren Lawlor – Greenwich University
Kat Milward – City University	Jane Harris – NHS Education for Scotland (NES)
Tracey Ross – Glyndwr University	Lynne Innes – NES
Eileen Munson – University of South Wales	Vick Waqa – NES
Karen Mayne – University of Worcester	Theresa Titchener – University of Hertfordshire
Gill Haddock – University of Surrey	Marie Hill – City University
Sian Hayes – Bucks New University	Karen Elton – University of Northumbria
Debbie Duncan – Queen’s University (Northern Ireland)	Ian Brown – Sheffield University
Lois Seddon – University of Suffolk	Debbie Limb- Sheffield University
Sharon Graham – Staffordshire University	Jackie Dale - Sheffield University
Marvella Brown – Bedfordshire University	Fiona Cook – Plymouth University
Gill Armitage – University of Central Lancashire	Beth Hawkes - Plymouth University
Katy Smith - University of Central Lancashire	Angie Hack – London South Bank University
Lisa Clarke – University of Wolverhampton	Jackie Rooney – NHSE
Gill Boast - University of Wolverhampton	Pippa Rose – NHSE
Allison Brindley – De Montfort University	Mary Saunders - QNI
Gordon Schofield – Education for Health	

Those unable to attend:

Andrew Finney – Keele University	Sharon Graham – Staffordshire University
Bernie Edwards – Bournemouth University	Joy Merrell – Swansea University
Carmel Blackie – Kingston and St Georges University	Janine Hill – Cumbria University
Colette Henderson – Dundee University	Kelly Norris – Anglia University
Denise Knight – Hertfordshire University	Margaret Hey - UCLAN
Donna Goddard – Brighton University	Marie-Therese Massey – Sheffield Hallam University
Ellen Nicholson – London South Bank University	Nyree Kendall Bolton University
Gillian Morris – Dundee University	Joanne Powell – Kingston and St Georges

	University
Sally Sturge – Wolverhampton University	Sue Shortland – Birmingham City University

The meeting commenced with coffee and biscuits at 10.30 and 32 participants were welcomed by Mary Saunders and Dr Crystal Oldman who gave the background to the development of this association.

During the QNI/QNIS project to develop senior GPN voluntary standards it was recognised that there was no national forum for communication, sharing of best practice and educational initiatives between GPN educators working in Higher Education Institutions (HEI). This view was confirmed during focus groups and telephone interviews with HEI GPN educators. The need for such an association/network was discussed with NHS England and when the 10 point GPN plan was published, features in action 2:

“- support the development of a network of GPN educators and academics within HEIs”.

In the interim period the QNI decided to pump prime the association for two years. There is no “list” of universities offering GPN courses so identifying these has been problematic!

Each participant introduced themselves and gave a brief overview of GPN provision at their institution. It was fascinating to hear about the breadth of GPN education provision and the challenges faced by some universities and how they had tried to overcome these! Representatives from Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland identified increased investment in GPN education in their countries with lots of different mechanisms to support the GPN service.

Karen Storey, Primary Care Nursing Lead, NHSE gave a presentation (attached) highlighting how the 10 point plan was being implemented across four regions in England. However there is only £15m to be distributed across England between 2017-20 which, pro-rata is a lot less investment that that of the other 3 UK countries.

Anne Trotter, Assistant Director, Education and Standards NMC gave a presentation (attached) about the new pre-registration standards of proficiency and identified that the new standards for supervision will apply across all registered or recordable qualifications. She also identified that the NMC had commissioned an independent evaluation from Blake Stevenson (<http://www.blakestevensonresearch.co.uk>) of the SPQ standards and this was due to report to the NMC in December 2018. Many of the group were unaware of this work and Anne suggested that the new association would be a good group to feedback to the evaluation consultancy. Since the meeting Blake Stevenson have been in touch with Mary and will be in touch to arrange an interview. When it is clear what questions they are asking Mary will communicate with the Association to gather feedback from them.

Other Information

Ian Brown has been funded to undertake a scoping project for developing advanced roles for GPNs. This will report at end of June 2018.

The Scottish government has allocated £6.9m for DN and GPN development and £3m for ANP development. £2m has been offered in year for GPNs and there is a three year GPN plan. Currently

only 2 GP practices in Scotland are taking student nurses and there is a project to expand this. Innovative projects are being funded alongside a digital resource for pre-registration student nurses about nursing in primary and community care. CPD funding is being increased to support nurses who need to get a first degree and 9 funded residential weekends are being offered over the next year. Changes in the GP contract have meant that treatment care centres are being developed to enable GPN time to be free up to manage more complex cases. NES is funding 500 memberships of GPN and primary care networks. GPNs are being incorporated in the TURAS national appraisal system.

Northern Ireland - £7.6m has been allocated to support GPN, there are 300 practices spread over NI.

Wales – RCGP competencies being used to support practice development for GPNs.

Terms of Reference.

Simple terms of reference were debated and some minor amendments made (see TOR which follows meeting notes). It was agreed that the title of the group should be “Association of Academic General Practice Nurse Educators” (AAGPNE) to reflect that the initial focus was on educators in HEIs. Once the group is established it may be possible to widen the membership to include other educators.

Mary identified that her role was that of a facilitator and that if the group was to continue it would need to be self-sustaining after the first two years and it was important that the group were clear about the positive outcomes expected from attendance. There is a small amount of funding from a donation and from the Midlands and East Regional Board to develop a microsite website to support the ongoing development of the association and to provide a forum for dissemination of best practice and collaboration. Mary has approached two website designers and asked for volunteers to help her take this forward. **Ren Lawlor, Kat Milward and Marvelle Brown** offered to help and Mary will be in touch with them separately.

It was agreed that there should be a membership application form that identified the applicant was employed to teach in an HEI and give contact details to be shared amongst members. It was agreed to have a face to face meeting twice yearly. The next meeting will be in January 2019 (date to be agreed) and hosted by Sheffield University. **Allison Brindley, Marie Hill and Eileen Munson** agreed to help form a committee and Mary will contact them separately about the next steps.

It was very pleasing to see such good attendance for the inaugural meeting with representation from the four UK countries and thanks to everyone for their enthusiasm for this initiative. Please feel free to pass on information about the AAGPNE to any of your networks who may be eligible for membership as it would be very useful to compile a definitive list of HEIs offering GPN education.

In the first instance please ask anyone interested in joining to contact Mary Saunders at the QNI. Mary will continue to act as the facilitator for the AAGPNE in the foreseeable future although she is reducing her hours at the QNI from September 2018.

Mary Saunders

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Association of Academic General Practice Nurse Educators

Terms of Reference:

1. Be a forum for collaborative curriculum development and information sharing for General Practice Nursing (GPN) education across the 4 countries of the UK
 2. Raise the profile of General Practice Nursing and foster and disseminate excellence in practice.
 3. Provide support, advice and mentorship to members, encouraging and supporting individual professional growth and development
 4. Share and develop educational and research expertise to influence policy and the principles and practice of General Practice Nursing.
 5. Develop links with other organisations to share and develop information and, where appropriate, resources.
 6. Respond to government consultations and, where appropriate, lobby government agencies.
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1. **Title:** Association of Academic General Practice Nurse Educators
2. **Status:** “an independent, non-governmental, not for profit association of members”
3. **Mission:** To co-ordinate and represent an association of Higher Education Institutions academics in the UK who have a common interest in the education and development of General Practice Nurses.
4. **Activities:** As TOR
5. **Membership:** members are any academic nursing staff in HEIs preparing or delivering programmes of education and curricula that develop and prepare nurses to work in a range of roles in General Practice.
6. **Membership fees.** Initially the development of this group is pump-primed by the QNI for two years. Members will have to decide if they wish to continue after this period where there is likely to be a fee paid for by individuals or their HEI.
7. **Organisation and Governance: Committee structure:**
 - o Chair
 - o Deputy Chair
 - o Secretary
 - o Treasurer (if self supporting)