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Dear colleagues,

RE: Opportunity to bid for Health Education England funded nurse-led group consultation test sites in general practice

Please find attached an application form to apply for this new exciting transformation programme.

There are 50 slots available for practice teams (2 people per practice) across the North West region to participate in this group consultation training and action learning programme that will run between March and September 2017.

What is a group consultation?

Group consultations are personal medical consultations delivered by a clinician in a supportive peer group setting, with other patients in the group listening in and learning from one another. Whilst 10% of family doctors in the US practice this way, they are relatively new in the UK and are one of the 10 high impact actions described in The GP Forward View.

An alternative to one-to-one consultations, group consultations can replace one-to-one annual reviews and routine follow up and offer a highly efficient alternative way to deliver planned clinical care, particularly for people living with long term conditions.

The group consultation is managed by a process facilitator who works with patients before the clinician arrives to set the agenda, holds the space during the consultation by making sure that the group session runs to time and everyone has their say, and closes the consultation after the clinician leaves.

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To read more about group consultations and their evidence base, go to:

<http://www.gmhsc.org.uk/news/fundingforprimarycare/>

What support will your practice get?

The programme consists of:

1. Access to a modular self-study e-learning programme that you will complete before 1st April 2017
2. One full day of training and co-design where you will:
 - Learn the basics and critical success factors
 - Experience a dry run group consultation
 - Develop your group consultation implementation plan
 - Start your training in process facilitation
3. Two web-based action-learning events where you will reflect with peers and colleagues after your first and third group consultations
4. A face-to-face reflection and celebration workshop where you will:
 - Learn from others experiences
 - Reflect on your personal achievements and progress
 - Plan your next steps to embed group consultations as a routine way to practice

To take part, your practice needs to nominate a practice nurse as the clinical lead within the group consultation and a second member of staff who will act as the group process facilitator. This person does not need to be a clinician.

The programme will be evaluated and participants will be asked to complete a short evaluation form at the start and end of the programme. We will also ask that patients who participate to complete a short evaluation form about their experience.

To apply, please complete the attached form and return it to Louise Brady at louise.brady2@nhs.net by 12 noon on 13 February 2016. You will hear within ten days if your application has been successful.

Yours sincerely



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