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News

Network News – Two new Transformation Lead posts have been appointed to support Network delivery plans. These posts will start in July in L&SC and August in C&M. Welcome to Dave Nunns for C&M and Scott Alker for L&SC. Kathy Collins will take her well deserved retirement in August 2024 and will be sadly missed.

BBC News 18/06/2024

Some senior doctors in England have accepted a pay offer from the government. It means speciality and associate specialist (SAS) doctors have joined their consultant colleagues in ending their dispute. The pay deal is worth up to 19.4% and includes reform of the contract and changes to career progression.

Honour for Local Clinician

Dr Helen Bonwick has been recognised in the honours list for services in Palliative Care. She was nominated by the Association of Palliative Medicine for an OBE. <https://www.thegazette.co.uk/notice/4644903>

Events

North West SAS Dr Study Day – 19th September 2024

The 3rd annual study day for SAS Drs will be held on 19th September 2024. Venue to be confirmed. A save the date flyer has been circulated to SAS Drs who work in palliative care services in the North West. Places are now limited.

Education

Advanced Communication Skills Training – 19th/20th September and 21st/22nd October 2024

St Mary's Hospice still have places available for Advanced Communication Skills Training. Places are £475 per person. If you are interested, please contact education@stmaryshospice.org.uk or call 01229 580305 and speak to Adele Dixon or Kate Davison

Serious Illness Care Programme – Clinician Training Day – 20th September 2024, University of Liverpool, Palliative Care Unit. Morning only - Introduction and overview of the Programme - £20. Full Workshop (see flyer) - Introduction and overview, and experiential learning with simulated patients. This event is a one-day interactive workshop designed for clinicians. Location – University of Liverpool. Contact course administrator Ali Holcroft at alison.holcroft@liverpool.ac.uk for more information. [Book Here.](#)

Advanced Communication Skills Training – 23rd -24th September 2024, University of Liverpool, Palliative Care Unit

A 2 day course for healthcare professionals exploring the evidence base relating to effective communication within healthcare and examining the application of specific communication skills strategies to complex healthcare interactions using actor base simulated patient scenarios. Course fee: £525. Location – University of Liverpool. Contact course administrator Ali Holcroft at alison.holcroft@liverpool.ac.uk for more information. [Book Here.](#)

Resources

Workforce Development Fund

[The Workforce Development Fund 2024-25](#) is now open to organisations that provide adult social care services and directly employ care staff within England. The fund is being scaled down in 2024-25 and it will only be possible to claim WDF for qualifications and apprenticeships which started on or before 31 March 2024 and which will complete by 31 March 2025. This year, WDF will be distributed exclusively by Skills for Care