

*NHS Education for Scotland invites nurse working in general practice to join Practice Based Small Group Learning (PBSGL)*

### Background

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The National Health and Social Care Workforce Plan, Part 3 - improving workforce planning for primary care in Scotland (Scottish Government 2018) announced funding to support nurses working in Primary Care.

<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2018/04/3662/6>.

### Practice Based Small Group Learning (PBSGL)

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PBSGL is an innovative approach to CPD for GPs that originated in Canada and has grown rapidly in Scotland over the last 10 years. Over 40% of all GPs in Scotland are now involved in PBSGL and the number continues to grow. PBSGL has also attracted growing numbers of Pharmacists and Nurses working in General Practice/Primary Care in recent years. A total of 15 new modules were produced in the 2017/ 18 financial year.

[Please visit the CPD Connect website](#) to find out about the PBSGL programme in Scotland.

Funding is available for 255 new PBSGL memberships for 3 years and you can apply to join PBSGL by visiting [this page](#). Funding is dependent on attending a minimum of 3 sessions per year. You can search for potential groups using the maps function, or if you don't have a specific group in mind you can still register and we'll try to match you with a suitable group.

Alternatively, you may wish to set up a new PBSGL group, and details of how to do this can be found below.

**Current PBSGL memberships will also become free of charge for the duration of the 3 year funding. Any fees that became due from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 onwards will automatically become funded and the PBSGL Admin team will contact you to confirm that you still wish to continue with your membership. Anyone who has already paid their fees from 1<sup>st</sup> April will be contacted with regards to reimbursement. Please note that this only applies to fees **due** from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 and not fees that apply to previous years.**

***All funded places come with the requirement to attend a minimum of 3 sessions per year***

If you have any queries about this or anything about PBSGL specifically please email [pbsgladministrator@nes.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:pbsgladministrator@nes.scot.nhs.uk)

*\*Please note that after the 3 year funding ends, you may be required to pay an annual membership fee to continue to participate in PBSGL (2018-19 rates are £65 per annum).*

## **How to Join Portal**

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If you have not already done so, please create an account on our course booking system, Portal.

Please see the following link, click “Sign Up” and follow the instructions to create an account - <https://portal.scot.nhs.uk>

## **Practice Based Small Group Learning (PBSGL) Facilitator Training**

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Find out all you need to know about group Facilitators and [Facilitator Training](#) here. If you wish to set up a new PBSGL you will be required to attend a training session before your group meet so please email [pbsgladministrator@nes.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:pbsgladministrator@nes.scot.nhs.uk) to indicate if you require training. We will collate the names of those interested and depending on demand we will either direct you to existing training dates, or may set up some specific dates for new nurse facilitators.