

Supporting Digital Readiness in Practice Learning for Student Nurses and Midwives



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Introduction

NHSGGC is transitioning from paper based systems to digital ways of working. Ensuring student nurses and midwives have timely, consistent digital access is essential for safe learning, safe and effective person-centred care and confident participation in clinical practice.

This work directly supports:

- **Digital on Demand 2023–28** Building a digitally confident workforce and improving access to high-quality data.
- **NHSGGC Nursing and Midwifery Strategy 2025-2029 Leading the Way** Strengthening digital capability to enhance person-centred care.

The Practice Education eHealth Working Group, in partnership with NHSGGC eHealth teams, is leading improvements to ensure student access is clear, consistent, and efficient.

Methods

Gathered student feedback through discussions, surveys, and placement evaluations

Worked collaboratively with NHSGGC eHealth teams to identify ongoing challenges in relation to students and newly registered nurses and midwives

Partnership working with Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) to establish themes

Reviewed current resources

Contributed to wider programmes:

- Induction Planning
- Digital Skills & Literacy Programme Board
- Practice Development and Education Forum

Results

- Students use a wide range of digital platforms highlighting opportunity to streamline access and build digital confidence
- Student access to digital systems can present challenges for students, staff and HEIs as support is required to access and navigate the systems
- Variation noted in staff understanding and awareness of student access levels identifying a need for clearer communication and guidance

Conclusions

- Improved guidance and streamlined processes has improved student access
- Increased staff awareness has been identified as a further development opportunity
- As NHSGGC continues with digital transformation, student digital access remains a priority
- Continued collaboration with students, staff and HEIs for contemporary nursing and midwifery roles is vital
- Support during transition from student to newly registered nurse/midwife has strengthened digital confidence
- Continuing to build on the contribution of the Practice Education team to wider programmes

Key Message

Digital readiness is essential for safe, effective, person-centred care. Supporting students today builds the digitally confident workforce NHSGGC requires for tomorrow.

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