

For Information

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Dear Colleagues,

PUBLICATION OF NEW POLICY PAPERS ON GENERAL PRACTICE NURSING

I am delighted to write to you today to share the following two new Scottish Government policy papers:

- [Transforming Roles Paper 6: The Role of the General Practice Nurse – 2025](#)
- [Transforming Roles Paper 6: The Role of the General Practice Nurse – 2025 – Associated Document for GPs and Practice Managers](#)

These have been commissioned by the Transforming Roles Steering Group chaired by National Education for Scotland (NES). The papers have been produced in collaboration with key stakeholders through the Transforming Roles Paper 6 Oversight Group, with representation including:

- General Practice Nurses (GPNs)
- NHS Territorial Board GPN Professional Leads
- NES
- Practice Managers
- Royal College of Nursing
- The ALLIANCE
- The Royal College of Nursing (Scotland)
- Queens Nursing Institute Scotland
- Scottish Executive Nurse Directors
- Scottish General Practitioners Committee
- Royal College of General Practitioners (Scotland).

Furthermore, NES have published a [GPN Knowledge and Skills Framework](#) on TURAS Learn, to be used in conjunction with these policy papers. I would strongly encourage you to consider and review the two policy papers and the NES Framework, to ensure that you understand the changing role of GPNs within general practice and within integrated community nursing teams.

The Scottish Government is hugely grateful to Jenny Wilson, Scottish Executive Nurse Director for NHS Ayrshire and Arran, for chairing the Oversight Group, as well as all colleagues and stakeholders for their contributions to these publications.

As part of ongoing stakeholder engagement, NES will soon be hosting a series of webinars for GPNs and their employers. The details of these are as follows:

- Wednesday 19th February, 12:30-13:15: [Click here to register](#)
- Thursday 27th February, 12:30-13:15: [Click here to register](#)
- Tuesday 4th March, 16:00-16:45: [Click here to register](#)

We hope you find these new resources helpful and supportive and are able to identify opportunities for their use and ongoing implementation.

If you would like to discuss any areas of General Practice Nursing policy please contact caitlin.byrne@gov.scot or nicholas.smith@gov.scot.

Yours sincerely,



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