

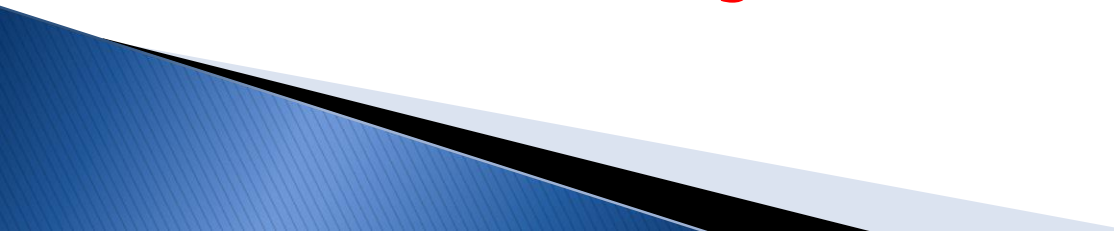
Assistant Practitioner NES/APRONS Update

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Welcome

- ▶ We are hosting this meeting to allow all AP's and members of APRON's to come together to receive an update on how the AP role is continuing to be developed throughout Scotland
 - ▶ Update you all on projects currently being undertaken
 - ▶ Provide you all with an update on the APRONS group
 - ▶ Highlight any topics you'd like to see discussed at future meetings
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AP and Manager Feedback Infographics:

- ▶ **Update to Scope of Practice/SOP adapted to own practice**
 - SCIN generic SOP Pack created & approved for distribution Dec 2022
 - Contains Risk Assessment, Flowchart (implementing changes to SOP), Individual SOP
- ▶ **Earn as you learn scheme to study to gain a degree to become a radiographer:**
 - EOI completed on routes into radiography, shared with managers, SCIN & STRP
 - Currently exploring what would be required for apprenticeship or conversion course
- ▶ **AP Work based Modules:**
 - Updates will be provided at Workshop in March once EOI's completed
 - Feedback through SNA/LNA report
- ▶ **Communication Platform/engagement:**
 - Communication plan in place
 - Teams engagement session March 2nd 2023
 - AP Learning Event May 25th 2023
 - APRONS meeting Nov 2023

Project Update

- ▶ Currently have 3 NES projects running at the moment looking at AP Development:
 - Samantha Liddell, NHS Lothian: AP chest work based module
 - Ruth Horkin, NHS Lothian: AP Job Description & SNA/LNA report
 - Catherine O'Neill & 2 Band 6's, NHS Tayside: AP Theatre work based module

APRONS

- ▶ **Function & Purpose:**
 - Every AP to feel valued as a professional
 - Clarify scopes of practice across boards
 - Balance expectations of Health boards with position of SCoR.
 - Identify training needs, raise profile AP education
 - Share good practice, knowledge & experience
- ▶ Could AP's promote group to newly qualified AP's in their departments/region
- ▶ Newly qualified AP's send email addresses to secretary & mobile number to chair for whatsapp group
- ▶ Hope to have consistently 3 meetings each year

Future Meetings / Workshops

- ▶ **Future meetings:**
 - Thursday 2nd March 2023:
 - NES AP Workshop 1pm to 2.30pm (Programme TBC)
 - Thursday 25th May 2023:
 - NES AP Learning Event 10am to 3pm (Programme TBC)
 - November 2023:
 - APRONS meeting (programme & time TBC)

- ▶ Any topics you would like to see raised or discussed?

- ▶ Anybody have any examples of good practice they would like to share?

Any Further Business

- ▶ Would any AP's be interested in creating an APRONS poster to be displayed in departments to promote the group?
- ▶ Have AP from different boards take turns to discuss interesting case at the end of each meeting?

