

Learning in Lothian – Bigger Picture

Date / Time / Venue

14th October 2026.

10am-3.00pm.

Training Room 7.
The Comely Bank Centre
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Edinburgh. EH42LD

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Please book early as spaces there are limits on numbers.

Closing date: 7th October 2026, unless the course is full beforehand.

Target group(s) / Pre-requisites

Experienced A&C staff, newly appointed senior staff and Practice Nurses

Cost per participant

Full cost - £110 to non NHS Lothian GP Staff
Cost to Lothian GP employed staff - £55

A £25 DNA/Late cancellation charge will be applied when a booked candidate doesn't attend the course.

Length of activity

Full day

Method of Delivery

Presentation / Group work / Discussion

Comments from previous participants

- I enjoyed the course, learning about the wider NHS and where we from General Practice fit in*
- Why we do things and why they are relevant*
- We all have a role to play in achieving goals and targets*
- Made learning fun while informative and enjoyable*

Course/topic content

The changing NHS / The NHS Structure / Planning for future NHS care / Government strategies and policies / Quality Strategy / Integration / Health and Social Care Partnerships / Pressures faced by NHS and General Practice

Learning outcomes

- Knowledge of the Health Service past, present and future
- Greater understanding of Government targets and health policy.
- Organisational structure in NHS Scotland and NHS Lothian.
- How this impacts on general practice.
- How the practice fits in
- Awareness of new strategies and initiatives

- Understanding of the challenges for the NHS in Scotland

CANCELLATION POLICY

A cancellation fee will be charged should applicants fail to attend a course and their place is not filled.

- If cancelled 4 to 1 week prior to course – **40% of full cost**
- If cancelled 1 week or less prior to course – **100% i.e. full cost**
- An administration charge of £25 will be added to the cost of courses, where a member of staff has failed to attend.
- An administration fee of £25 will be charged for free courses that are cancelled one week or less, prior to the start of the course. This charge will also apply to any member of staff who doesn't attend the course on the day.