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Welcome to NPAG News for June

Welcome to NPAG News for June, a month often described as the “gateway to summer,” offering long daylight hours, warm weather, and a fresh sense of renewal.

In this edition we reflect this sense of optimism and take look at what this renewed energy and focus means for NHS professionals on page 5, especially our BVG members.

It is an important season too for cultural and social observances including Father’s Day, Pride and environmental awareness.

Indeed, with growing awareness of environmental issues (and the recent exceptional heatwave reminds us of the impacts of climate change) many NPAG groups are now incorporating sustainability into their meeting agendas. It has been encouraging to hear how members’ Trusts are planning to mark World Environment Day. From hosting a vegan BBQ in collaboration with the Institute of Cancer Research though to a farmers’ market, ‘walking bus’ and bike maintenance sessions, there is lots going on!

This issue is packed full of NPAG news and updates. It includes a new feature celebrating our BVG Chairs, a review of our recent Theatres & Decontamination Conference and preview of our upcoming Clinical Engineering Conference. We also announce a special summer promotion, offering existing and new members a discount - head to page 7 to find out how to save!

All this along with member insights, interviews and the usual news about our Best Value Groups and workshops.

Have a great start to the summer everyone!



Being part of the NPAG Facilities South BVG has been a real support in my role. It’s given me a trusted network of colleagues to share ideas, best practice, and practical solutions to everyday challenges. The discussions have helped me stay ahead of changes and find innovative ways to improve our services, and the relationships built provide valuable insight and encouragement.

Facilities South BVG member 2025-26

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News in Brief

NPAG LinkedIn Community Reaches 1,500 Followers



We are delighted to share that NPAG's following has now surpassed 1,500, continuing to grow as a key platform for connecting with NHS colleagues and the wider community.

LinkedIn is an increasingly important channel for NPAG, enabling us to share insights, highlight best practice and extend conversations beyond our meetings and events. It provides a valuable space for NHS professionals and NPAG members to stay informed, exchange ideas and connect with peers across organisations supporting collaboration and continuous improvement across the network.

This milestone reflects the strength of our community and the appetite for shared learning. As we continue to build our presence, we are keen to reach even more professionals, broaden engagement, and bring more voices into the conversation.

To celebrate, we are running a special June giveaway. Anyone who shares an NPAG post or tags NPAG in their own LinkedIn content during June will be entered into a prize draw to win a John Lewis voucher. We'd love your support in helping us grow by engaging with our posts, sharing insights, and connecting others to the NPAG community.



Keeping Costs Low, Value High

With NHS budgets under continued pressure, affordability remains front of mind at NPAG. We work hard to keep membership, conference and workshop rates as low as possible, without compromising on quality or impact.

This is achieved through careful, practical choices - negotiating preferential venue rates, keeping marketing lean through email, social media and word of mouth, and operating with a small core team supported by a trusted network of specialist associates. We also build strong, reciprocal partnerships with business supporters to enhance visibility while managing costs.

The result is a sustainable model that delivers real value for members at a time when it matters most. Growing our groups and events helps us keep costs down further for everyone, so continued engagement and attendance really makes a difference, something reflected in the consistently positive feedback we receive, with word of mouth remaining our most powerful driver of growth.

Women's Health Strategy

The DHSC has confirmed that women's voices will be placed at the heart of the refreshed Women's Health Strategy for England, with a focus on listening to lived experience and improving access, outcomes and patient experience across services.

The renewed approach emphasises the need for organisations to translate national ambition into practical, operational change at trust level - particularly across pathways such as gynaecology, diagnostics and community-based women's health services.

NPAG is considering how, and where, this agenda may align with its existing networks and improvement activity, including which operational roles and functions may be most relevant. Further exploration will focus on fit, audience and capacity before any wider activity is developed.

News in Brief

New for 2026: Leading Under Pressure Workshop

NPAG is pleased to introduce Leading Under Pressure, a new CPD-certified leadership workshop designed for senior NHS leaders and corporate teams.

The workshop is grounded in organisational psychology and explores how pressure influences leadership behaviour, decision-making and team dynamics, equipping participants with practical tools to build psychologically safe, high-performing cultures.

Delivered by clinical psychologist Dr Jared Watson, this one-day workshop offers a reflective, evidence-based approach to strengthening leadership resilience and impact in today's complex healthcare environment.

Read more on page 22.

Emergency Preparedness

Following the recent increase in the UK national terrorism threat level from substantial to severe, meaning an attack is now considered highly likely, the importance of strong emergency preparedness, resilience and response (EPRR) arrangements has been reinforced.

At times of heightened risk, continued engagement in the NPAG NHS EPRR Network supports organisational assurance through national peer learning, shared good practice and access to practical documentation and procedures. The network helps NHS organisations review and strengthen preparedness and response arrangements, ensuring they remain current, proportionate and robust. Through the EPRR Network members benefit from expert advice, shared learning, access to resources to help build collective preparedness across the NHS.

Celebrating Professional Achievement

We are delighted to recognise a significant professional milestone achieved by long-standing NPAG member Maryam Mirjafari, Director of Digital Medical Technology and Engineering at Kingston and Richmond NHS Foundation Trust.



Maryam Co-Chairing the NPAG Clinical Engineering Conference 2025.

Maryam has successfully achieved Clinical Scientist registration via Route 2 – a rigorous pathway requiring the demonstration of advanced clinical, scientific and leadership expertise. This accomplishment reflects her ongoing commitment to professional development and excellence within the Clinical Engineering and IT field. Maryam is now progressing towards Higher Specialist Scientist Training (HSST), and we wish her every success in this next stage.

Congratulations, Maryam, from all of us at NPAG.

CompliMind: Supporting smarter compliance across NHS EFM teams

As part of NPAG's ongoing commitment to sharing practical tools and innovation that support NHS operational teams, we are pleased to share information about CompliMind, an AI-powered solution designed specifically for Estates and Facilities Management (EFM).

The platform brings together national guidance, local policies and assurance workflows into a single, connected system, helping to reduce time spent on administration and information searching.

Already deployed across a number of NHS Trusts, CompliMind is delivering measurable benefits, including significant time savings, improved accuracy in reviews, and greater confidence in compliance processes. With traceable, evidence-based responses aligned to NHS data standards, it supports EFM teams to work more efficiently while maintaining robust governance.

News in Brief

Recognition for Telecoms BVG Co-Chair



Congratulations to Tom Boyle, Co-Chair of NPAG's Telecoms Best Value Group, who has been named in CX Network's Global Top 50 Customer Experience Leaders to Follow in 2026.

The annual list, compiled by CX Network, recognises influential leaders from across the globe who are shaping the future of customer experience through innovation, insight and practical impact.

Tom's inclusion is a fantastic achievement and reflects the growing recognition of the role that communication technology plays in shaping patient experience across the NHS. From initial contact through to ongoing care, effective digital and telephony solutions are increasingly central to how patients access services and build confidence in care delivery.

Through the NPAG Telecoms BVG, Tom continues to bring together NHS professionals, sharing insight, exploring innovation, and supporting practical improvements across Trusts. His work exemplifies the value of collaboration in turning ideas into operational change.

This global recognition is very well deserved and highlights the important contribution of NHS telecoms and digital communications professionals on an international stage. This reflects a broader shift towards recognising the importance of communication in delivering effective, patient-centred care.

[View the full CX Network Top 50 list.](#)

Rooftop ICU Trial Explores Outdoor Recovery

King's College Hospital in London has opened the UK's first rooftop intensive care ward, designed to give critically ill patients access to fresh air and outdoor space as part of their recovery. The initiative will monitor whether exposure to natural light and the outdoor environment can support improved patient outcomes and wellbeing.

For NPAG members, this highlights the growing focus on how care environments, sitting alongside clinical treatment, can influence recovery, experience and outcomes. It also offers a practical example of innovation at Trust level, with potential to spark discussion across BVGs around estates design, patient-centred care and the wider benefits of integrating nature into healthcare settings.

Could You Be An NPAG Facilitator?

We're currently looking to expand our facilitator team and are seeking expressions of interest to support our Clinical Engineering Best Value Groups.

A background in clinical engineering or a related field would be helpful, but is not essential. If you're interested in getting involved, please see page 20 or get in touch at info@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk.

NPAG Member Survey

It's that time of year when NPAG will soon be contacting all our 500+ members to ask them to complete a survey, sharing their experiences and feedback about their best value groups.

This annual reflection helps us shape the future direction of NPAG and ensure we are delivering what members want from their respective groups.

Look out for an email in the coming weeks. As a thank you for taking part, all those who complete the survey will be entered into a prize draw.

Brighter Days Ahead:

Supporting NHS Momentum This Summer

As we move into June and July, there is a palpable shift across the NHS. The lighter evenings and warmer days often bring a renewed sense of energy, but for many teams this period is also one of intense focus.

Planning for the second half of the year, managing workforce pressures through the summer months and maintaining performance during holiday periods sit alongside the ongoing challenge of delivering high-quality patient care in a complex and changing system.

For NHS Trusts, this is often a time when reflection and forward planning come together. Many teams are reviewing what has worked well, what can be carried into the autumn, and where support or fresh perspectives may help sustain progress. It is within this context that collaboration, shared learning and practical support feel more important than ever.

Shared Challenges Into Shared Solutions

Across June and July, common themes continue to emerge across the service: workforce resilience, productivity, value for money, estates readiness, digital developments and the need to maintain safe, effective services during periods of reduced staffing. While these pressures are not new, the way Trusts address them increasingly relies on collective insight rather than isolated solutions. This is where NPAG's BVGs continue to play a vital role. Bringing together peers from across the country, BVGs offer a trusted space to share experiences, benchmark approaches and explore what good looks like in practice. Whether discussions centre on managing summer capacity, preparing for regulatory requirements or making limited resources go further, the strength of NPAG lies in facilitating honest, solution-focused conversations that members can immediately apply within their own organisations.

Supporting Trusts Between Meetings

Summer is also a popular time for focused learning and professional development. NPAG's workshops and training programmes are designed to be practical, responsive and grounded in real NHS experience. Across June and July, many Trusts take the opportunity to invest in their people through building confidence in leadership, communication, service improvement and patient-centred care.

Our workshops complement the work of BVGs by giving teams structured time to step back from day-to-day pressures, reflect on challenges and develop skills that support long-term improvement.

As a self-financed service that reinvests back into the NHS, NPAG's aim is always to provide cost-effective, high-value support that directly benefits Trusts and the communities they serve.

A Steady Partner Through Change

While summer can bring a sense of optimism, it can also expose vulnerabilities in systems and staffing. NPAG's overarching aim remains unchanged: to support NHS Trusts to feel informed, connected and confident, whatever the season. Through BVGs, national events, workshops and the wider NPAG Network, members gain year-round access to peer support, shared intelligence and practical tools that help turn national priorities into local action.

As we look ahead to the brighter days of early summer, NPAG will continue to work alongside our members in supporting collaboration, nurturing innovation and helping Trusts build resilient services that can thrive not just through June and July, but well beyond.

AI chatbots:

A leading health technology risk for 2026?

As healthcare systems look towards brighter days through innovation and digital transformation, clear understanding of emerging risks is essential. Recent analysis from ECRI, an independent, non-partisan patient safety organisation, has identified AI-powered chatbots as one of the most significant health technology hazards facing healthcare systems in 2026.

Large language model chatbots including widely available tools such as ChatGPT, Copilot, Claude, Gemini and others, are designed to generate fluent, confident, human-like responses to user queries. While these tools can offer value as general information aids, they are not regulated as medical devices and are not validated for clinical decision making.

Despite this, their use is increasingly widespread. Recent analysis cited by ECRI suggests that millions of people now access chatbot generated health information each day, including clinicians, patients and healthcare staff.

Patient Safety Concerns

ECRI notes that while chatbots can provide useful assistance, they also present clear risks such as incomplete, misleading or incorrect responses, yet are delivered with a confident tone that can mask uncertainty or error.

Unlike human professionals, AI systems do not understand context, clinical nuance or intent. Instead, they generate responses by predicting sequences of words based on patterns learned from large volumes of training data. They are designed to always provide an answer even when the information may be unreliable.

When used without appropriate caution or governance, this creates the potential for significant patient harm.



What This Means for NHS Organisations

The rapid rise in AI enabled tools highlights the importance of strong organisational awareness and governance. While patient safety organisations are not calling for blanket avoidance of AI tools, they are emphasising the need for:

- Clarity about appropriate use
- Understanding of limitations
- Safeguards to ensure AI outputs do not replace validated clinical processes or professional judgement

As digital tools continue to evolve, ensuring that innovation is balanced with patient safety and accountability remains essential.

NPAG Perspective

NPAG continues to monitor emerging patient safety risks highlighted by national safety organisations and through themes identified across its professional networks. By sharing awareness of these developments, NPAG supports NHS leaders in staying informed and prepared as digital technologies become increasingly embedded in healthcare environments.

NPAG BVG Membership Offer

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Introduce a colleague or contact to an NPAG BVG and you'll both receive 25% off membership when they join.

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Why join a Best Value Group?

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Choose from the following BVGs:

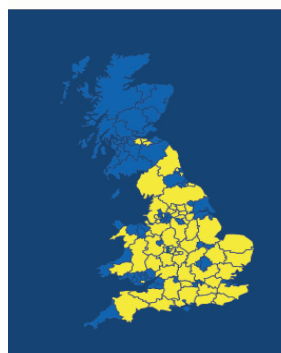
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- Decontamination BVG
- Energy Network
- EPRR Network
- Estates BVG
- Facilities North & South BVGs
- Health Visiting & School Health Services 0-19 Network
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- National District Nurses Network
- NHS Car Parking & Sustainable Travel Network
- NHS Sustainability Network
- NHS Transport & Logistics Best Practice Group
- Operating Theatres Managers BVG
- Temporary Workforce Network
- Telecoms BVG
- Violence Reduction & Security Management Network



Use code: NPAG June 2026 Promotion

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Member Insight:

Car Parking & Sustainable Travel in NHS Wales

NPAG's NHS Car Parking & Sustainable Travel Best Value Group benefits from the wide range of perspectives shared by members across the UK. In this feature, we share insights from Christine Ho, Car Park Manager within the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board.

Introduction

Car parking and sustainable travel are increasingly becoming a crucial component of healthcare services in Wales, influencing not only site operations but also patient access and staff experience, including wider public health users such as contractors, visitors, medical representatives and students.

Aligning Strategy, Healthcare Access and Patient Experience

Car parking strategies across NHS Wales are closely linked to accessibility and patient care. Given the locality of some NHS sites in Wales, some areas are limited in public transport, therefore private vehicle use remains essential for many patients, visitors and staff.

This requires parking terms and conditions to be carefully balanced with demand and accessibility. This includes prioritising patients, visitors and staff to ensure that parking availability does not become an issue or concern.

In 2018, the Welsh Government became the first to announce the abolition of parking charges at NHS hospitals in Wales. This decision was made after decades of campaigning and discussion, making parking more accessible for patients, visitors and staff.

The Role Of Sustainable Travel Initiatives

The Welsh Government actively promotes sustainable travel through various initiatives and strategies such as walking, cycling and public transport.

It supports environmental targets and public health, promoting physical activity and reducing pollution. This can be difficult to achieve as people may choose different travel options, especially those who live in rural areas.

Governance, Funding and Local Innovation

The Cardiff and Vale University Health Board is managed by Executive Directors employed by the University Health Board, and Independent Board Members appointed by the Minister for Health and Social Services. Together, the Board, Executive Team and locality management structure focus on the health needs of the population of Cardiff and the Vale.

Good practice includes linking parking with travel planning to encourage patients, visitors and staff to use alternative services or modes of transport to access sites. The Health Board is actively trying to improve travel routes to make it easier and safer for people to walk or cycle, for example the introduction of a Bike and Cycle Hub. The Health Board also works closely with the local council to improve transport options, such as the Park and Ride service (H59), widely utilised by users attending the main University Hospital of Wales site.

Christine Ho

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board

NPAG Conclusion

Christine's contribution highlights the importance of understanding local context when developing strategies, particularly within devolved healthcare systems. By bringing together members from across the UK, organisations learn from different governance models, policy environments and on-the-ground practice, ultimately strengthening services for patients, staff and communities alike. Find out more [here](#).

Facilitator in Focus: Tony Gent

With almost five decades of NHS service behind him, Tony Gent brings a depth of experience, perspective and humanity that resonates strongly with NPAG members across Estates and Facilities.

Having started his NHS career as a maintenance craftsman in 1978 and progressing to Deputy Head of Estates before retiring last year, Tony has witnessed first-hand the constant evolution of the NHS and understands what it takes to navigate change over the long term.



For Tony, change has always been a defining feature of NHS life. He describes the service as being in a “constant state of change”, something he believes will continue for the foreseeable future. His advice is pragmatic and reassuring: accept that change is inevitable, focus on the positives, and recognise that improvement cannot happen without it, even when it feels unsettling.

Stepping back after retirement has given Tony time to reflect on what he describes as an immensely proud and satisfying NHS career. He is acutely aware of the pressures facing today’s NHS managers and staff, particularly within Estates and Facilities, where teams must balance rising compliance requirements, limited resources and relentless cost improvement targets. “Working in the NHS today can be very pressured at times,” he says, a reality he continues to recognise through his ongoing work with NPAG members.

A Long-Standing NPAG Supporter

Tony’s relationship with NPAG spans more than two decades. He first joined as a member in the early 2000s before becoming a facilitator in 2013, drawn by the opportunity to connect with peers facing similar challenges. For him, NPAG’s value

lies in breaking down silos and enabling Estates professionals to share insight, seek advice and problem-solve collectively.

Having facilitated both the Facilities North and South groups, Tony sees first-hand the growing scrutiny placed on Facilities services and the need for teams to operate in a more commercial and innovative way while continuing to meet increasing compliance standards. At times, he acknowledges, the Estates manager role can feel isolating – which is exactly why peer networks like NPAG are “absolutely essential” during periods of uncertainty and change.

Focus on Wellbeing

A defining aspect of Tony’s facilitation style is his strong commitment to wellbeing, mentoring and psychological safety. Drawing on his own lived experience of acute anxiety earlier in his career, he has made a lifelong commitment to promoting mental health, empathy and open conversation. This shapes how he runs his meetings: structured yet friendly, informal and inclusive, creating a non-judgemental and confidential space where members feel comfortable sharing challenges and learning from one another.

What Tony enjoys most about the facilitator role is learning, networking and the relationships he has built over time. Many members are long-standing, and what begins as professional collaboration often becomes genuine friendship. For newer members, he believes the often unseen value of NPAG is realising that they are not alone – others face the same pressures, and support does not stop when the meeting ends.

As a recent retiree, Tony’s advice to those currently leading Estates and Facilities is heartfelt and grounding. Work matters, but it is not everything. “Family first, work second,” he says, a philosophy shaped by perspective, experience and a deep understanding of what truly lasts.

Celebrating our BVG Chairs:

Andy Barrow, IT & Medical Connectivity BVG

There are three key supporting roles for all NPAG Best Value Groups – the Chair, the Facilitator, and the Coordinator.

For some months now we have focused on our Facilitators so we feel it is time to celebrate our BVG Chairs too, often the unsung heroes of our groups.

The essence of the Chair's role is to provide professional leadership for the group at and between meetings, working with the Facilitator to plan the year's Agendas, suggesting meeting topics and speakers and to agree each meeting Agenda.

In this edition we focus on one of the two Co-Chairs of NPAG's IT & Medical Connectivity group.

Andy is Head of Medical Engineering at 2Gether Support Services in Kent.

His 39-year career represents a journey from the workshop bench to strategic leadership. Having started in an era of component-level analogue repair, he now oversees a portfolio of 56,000 medical devices where the "wiring" is as likely to be virtual as it is physical. This perspective allows him to lead his department not just as a maintenance provider, but as a core pillar of Trust safety.

Beyond the Checklist: A High-Reliability Mindset

Managing 56,000 assets, including high-stakes imaging systems, requires more than just following a manual. Andy advocates for a High-Reliability Organisation (HRO) approach, where the preoccupation is not just with passing audits, but with predicting failure before it reaches the patient.

Andy comments:



In my view, safety isn't a static target; it's a moving frontier. As we transition into the era of medical device connectivity & interoperability, our technical expertise must evolve. We aren't just checking electrical safety anymore; we are managing the dataflow and cybersecurity that keeps modern clinical pathways alive.

The Value of the Collective

Andy's primary interest is the sharing of knowledge and best practice. He believes that the complexity of the modern regulatory landscape, from the Procurement Act 2023 to MHRA guidance, is too vast for any one Trust to navigate in isolation.



I joined NPAG because I wanted to move beyond the silo. The BVG is where we turn raw benchmarking data into 'lessons learned.' The goal is to ensure that the collective wisdom of the group elevates the standards for every patient in every Trust

As NPAG continues to support BVGs, it is the leadership, commitment and insight of Chairs like Andy that ensure each group delivers real value for its members and, ultimately, for patients. By championing collaboration, sharing expertise and fostering a culture of continuous improvement, our Chairs play a vital role in translating knowledge into action.

If you would like to explore the opportunity to take on a Chair or Co-Chair role, please chat to the Facilitator of your BVG or contact the [NPAG](#)

Theatres & Decontamination Conference 2026

National Performance Advisory Group

Overview

Bringing theatres and decontamination together to share, learn and innovate

NPAG’s annual Theatres & Decontamination Conference, held on 19th May at the Radisson Blu Stansted, brought together NHS professionals, industry experts and partners from across operating theatres and decontamination services. The event provided a valuable opportunity for delegates to step away from day-to-day pressures and engage in shared learning, discussion and networking.



A Focus on Innovation and Collaboration

The conference programme featured a strong and varied agenda, opening with a keynote from Professor Tim Briggs (GIRFT Programme Lead and National Director for Clinical Improvement, NHS England), who emphasised the importance of *collaboration* across surgical services.

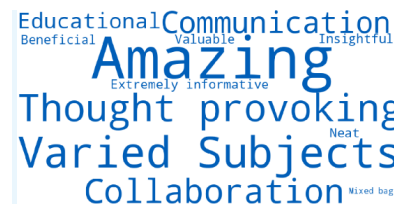
This was followed by presentations showcasing both practical NHS experience and emerging innovation. Topics included digital versus face-to-face preoperative assessment, advances in 3D printing for bespoke medical devices, and the growing impact of robotics across theatre environments.

The afternoon programme focused on the future of decontamination and sterilisation, including the role of NHS Supply Chain, followed by an engaging panel session exploring key challenges and opportunities.

Discussions covered sustainability versus infection prevention, standardisation of surgical instruments, system-wide collaboration and the balance between centralised and local services.

Bringing Professionals Together

A key strength of the event was the diverse mix of delegates, representing theatre management, decontamination teams, clinical leaders and industry partners from across the UK. This created an open and collaborative environment where attendees could share experiences, benchmark approaches and take away practical ideas to apply within their own organisations.



Post-event feedback was over-whelmingly positive.

Alongside the educational programme, an industry exhibition generated meaningful conversations between delegates and suppliers. The structure of the event also allowed for regular networking opportunities, helping to build new connections and strengthen existing relationships, supporting ongoing collaboration.



A full conference report, including detailed session insights and key learning points, will be featured in the next issue of NPAG News.



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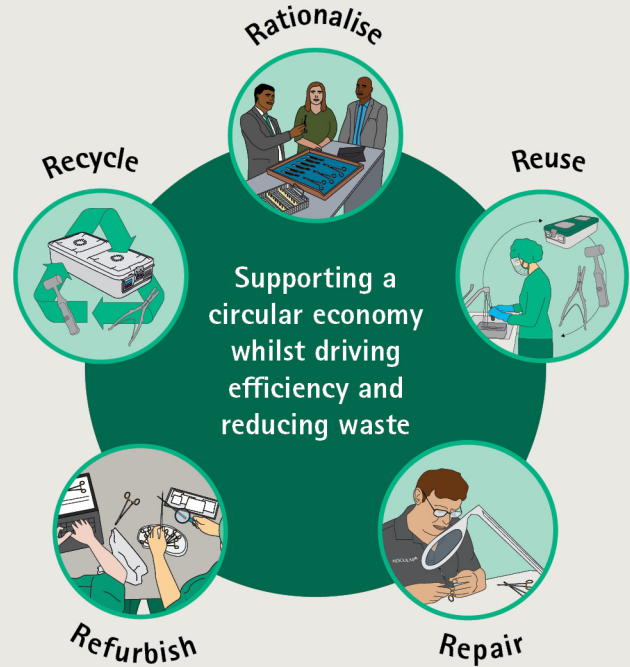
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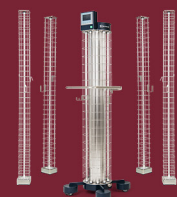
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Supporting Safer Healthcare Through Trusted Decontamination



In healthcare environments where patient safety and infection prevention are under constant scrutiny, access to reliable decontamination suppliers and specialist knowledge is essential. From sterile services and endoscopy units to dentistry, laboratories and podiatry, healthcare professionals are working under increasing pressure to maintain the highest standards of care, compliance and efficiency.

Against this backdrop, First Point Decon was developed as a dedicated online resource focused entirely on healthcare decontamination. Bringing together more than 1,000 UK companies, the platform connects healthcare professionals with suppliers of products, consumables, equipment and specialist services - from cleaning solutions through to the sterilisation of complex medical devices.

Designed with NHS and wider healthcare organisations in mind, the directory enables users to quickly identify relevant suppliers in one place. In busy clinical and procurement settings, this streamlined access helps reduce time spent searching for providers while supporting more informed decision-making.

What distinguishes First Point Decon is the sector experience behind it. The team combines expertise from both the NHS and commercial healthcare industries, offering a practical understanding of the challenges associated with decontamination, infection prevention and regulatory compliance. This insight has shaped a platform focused on usability, relevance and trust.

Beyond its supplier directory, First Point Decon also acts as a hub for sector knowledge. It

provides access to educational content, industry updates and specialist articles covering topics such as microbiology, water management and emerging decontamination practices. This supports not only procurement activity but also wider professional learning and knowledge-sharing across the sector.

The platform also highlights conferences, study days and training opportunities throughout the year, helping professionals stay connected to developments in technology, regulation and best practice within healthcare decontamination and infection prevention.

As healthcare continues to evolve, the need for trusted information, specialist expertise and reliable suppliers remains constant. By bringing these elements together in one place, First Point Decon supports those working at the forefront of infection prevention - helping organisations strengthen standards, improve efficiency and stay connected to a rapidly advancing field.

A promotional image for the First Point Decon website. It features a woman in a blue medical uniform holding a tablet displaying the website's interface. The website shows various company logos like Tristel, HAIGH, and Belimed. Text overlays on the image include: 'The UK's Specialist Healthcare Decontamination Directory', 'Connecting Healthcare Professionals with Trusted Suppliers', 'Over 1,000 Company Listings', 'Trusted Ratings', 'Unique Business Profiles and Decontamination Content', and 'VERIFIED Companies'. A QR code and the text 'scan ME!' are in the top right corner. At the bottom, the website URL 'www.firstpointdecon.com' and email 'info@firstpointdecon.com' are displayed.

Visit the [First Point Decon website](https://www.firstpointdecon.com) to find out more or get in touch with the team [here](mailto:info@firstpointdecon.com).

Clinical Engineering Conference 2026: SMART Innovation in Healthcare Technology

National Performance
Advisory Group

22nd September 2026 | Radisson Blu Stansted

The NPAG Clinical Engineering Conference returns on 22nd September 2026 at the Radisson Blu Stansted, bringing together Clinical Engineering and Healthcare Technology professionals from across the NHS and industry.

The 2026 conference will focus on SMART innovation, highlighting technologies, initiatives and approaches that:

- Improve efficiency
- Enhance outcomes
- Align with priorities set out in the NHS 10 Year Plan

Healthcare technology continues to evolve at pace, placing increasing demands on Clinical Engineering and Healthcare Technology teams. This conference will provide a valuable forum for shared learning, discussion and networking, supporting delegates to explore how innovation can be applied in practical, meaningful and system-aligned ways.

Sessions will focus on practical application and shared learning, showcasing how innovation is being used in real-world clinical engineering and healthcare technology settings.

Why Attend?

- ✓ A trusted, NHS-led event with expert speakers
- ✓ Opportunities to share learning with peers from across the UK
- ✓ Insight into innovation, workforce challenges and future direction
- ✓ Dedicated time for professional discussion and networking

The conference programme is currently in development. Speakers confirmed to date:

- Carl-Magnus von Behr, Co-founder & Director, CompliMind Ltd.
- Nata Zaman, Deputy Director of Equipping, New Hospital Programme, NHS England
- Pen Test Partners

Further details, including speakers and presentation topics will be shared in due course.



Who Should Attend?

Clinical Engineers; Biomedical Engineers; Healthcare Technology Managers; Medical Device Manufacturers; Researchers and Academics.

“The NPAG Clinical Engineering Conference was an excellent event, bringing together colleagues, suppliers, and experts from across the field. The agenda covered a broad range of relevant topics... It was inspiring to see how the unique troubleshooting skills of clinical engineers continue to support healthcare delivery from all perspectives, while also shaping the future direction of the industry.”

2025 Delegate

Interested?

Contact us at: info@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk to for more information or to register interest.

Clinical Engineering Conference 2026:

Sponsorship Packages

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Sponsorship packages are now open for the NPAG Clinical Engineering Conference 2026!

PLATINUM Package Exhibition Stand - £1,850 plus VAT. Package to include: -

- Choice of stand location (on a first come basis)
- 2 x 3 metre exhibition stand space
- Company logo included within conference marketing material
- Company logo included on NPAG website in run up to conference
- Social media exposure
- Hand-outs on registration
- 1 x 1/2-page advertisement within NPAG News
- 4 x Delegate Passes (for the exhibitor stand staff)
- 2 x NHS Guest Passes
- B&B on 21st September 2026 for up to 2 representatives

GOLD Package Exhibition Stand - £1,600 plus VAT Package to include: -

- 2 x 3 metre width exhibition stand space (stand position will be allocated by NPAG)
- Company logo included within conference marketing material
- Company logo included on NPAG website in run up to conference
- Social media exposure
- Hand-outs on registration
- 1 x 1/2-page advertisement within NPAG News
- 4 x Delegate Passes (for the exhibitor stand staff)
- 2 x NHS Guest Passes

SILVER Package Exhibition Stand - £1,350 plus VAT. Package to include: -

- 2 x 3 metre width exhibition stand space (stand position will be allocated by NPAG)
- Company logo included within conference marketing material
- Company logo included on NPAG website in run up to conference
- Social media exposure
- Hand-outs on registration
- 1 x 1/3-page advertisement within NPAG News
- 2 x Delegate Passes (for the exhibitor stand staff)

BRONZE Package Delegate Pack Inserts - £550 plus VAT. Package to include: -

- Inserts in delegate packs, as supplied by the sponsor and given to all delegates at registration
- 2x Delegate Passes
- Company logo to be included within all conference marketing material
- Company logo to be included on NPAG website in run up to conference
- Social Media exposure
- Company brochure / Information Sheet on registration
- 1 x 1/3-page advertisement within NPAG News

Interested?

Contact NPAG for further information or a sponsorship agreement form:

info@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk

Giving Clinical Engineering A Voice: Interview with Jonny Wall

Clinical Engineering plays a critical role in safe, effective patient care across the NHS, yet the voices behind the profession are not always widely heard. Jonny Wall, founder of The Clinical Engineer Podcast, is working to change that.

Inspired during years in field-based roles, Jonny began listening to podcasts to break up long journeys. "I realised there wasn't a conversation happening within Clinical Engineering," he explains. "There are many experienced professionals and inspiring career journeys that go unheard outside their organisations."

The podcast was created to give the profession a stronger voice by spotlighting individuals, sharing experiences, and raising awareness of the value Clinical Engineering brings to patient care. At its heart, it aims to connect people, share learning, and inspire the next generation.

Jonny believes Clinical Engineering will become even more central to digitally connected healthcare. While traditionally focused on maintenance and repair, the role is expanding into device connectivity, IT integration, and digital infrastructure.

“Clinical Engineering teams are increasingly operating at the intersection of healthcare and IT.

As systems become more connected, ensuring devices communicate securely and reliably will be critical.

Alongside this, AI is expected to support predictive maintenance, smarter asset management and efficiency, with governance roles also growing in importance.

Balancing Opportunity With Pressure

Despite this evolution, the profession faces significant challenges. Financial pressures are impacting staffing, training, and long-term

planning, while teams are managing more complex technology and higher expectations.

Staff retention remains a concern, with increasing competition for technical skills. At the same time, rapid technological change is driving the need for continuous development, often difficult to maintain under tight budgets.

"Balancing immediate demands with long-term workforce development is a real challenge," Jonny notes, while highlighting the strong commitment across the profession.

The Importance Of Connection

As the role evolves, podcasts, networks, and peer forums are becoming increasingly valuable. They provide accessible ways to share experience, build connections, and learn from others, particularly in a field where teams can operate in isolation. Jonny also highlights the role of organisations such as NPAG in bringing the community together, supporting development, and providing a collective voice. For those not yet engaged, his advice is simple: "Getting involved helps broaden your perspective. Many teams face similar challenges, and there's real value in learning from others."

Looking Ahead



Season 1 of The Clinical Engineer Podcast is now underway, covering topics such as technical training, medical equipment resale, decontamination, and Clinical Engineering's work with NPAG.

Plans for a second season are already in development. Jonny is keen to continue building the platform and welcomes contributions from across the sector. "It's about creating a space where people can share their experiences and perspectives on the topics that matter most."

NHS Round-Table: Telecoms

Who's Supporting the NHS in Telephony?

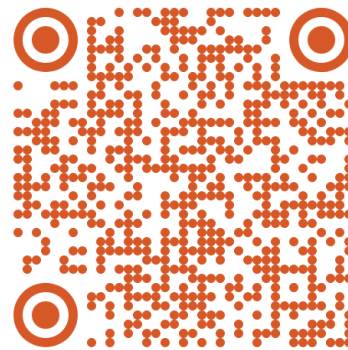
NHS organisations continue to rely on critical telephony infrastructure, yet increasing commercial pressure, ageing PBX estates and evolving vendor support models are creating growing operational and strategic challenges for many Trusts.

Hosted by Soul Technology in partnership with NPAG, "Who's Supporting the NHS? - A Telephony Discussion" brings together NHS telephony, infrastructure and digital leaders for an open, vendor-independent roundtable focused on the realities of PBX support across the NHS.

The session will explore the current NHS telephony landscape, support model options, commercial benchmarking and future planning considerations. Attendees will have the opportunity to share peer experiences, discuss current market challenges and better understand how organisations are balancing

risk, cost and service quality within increasingly complex communication environments.

This is a collaborative discussion designed to provide practical insight, independent guidance and honest conversation.



Find out more and register your interest by scanning this QR code or visiting the event [website](#).

NHS ROUNDTABLE • 17 JULY 2026

WHO'S SUPPORTING THE NHS? A TELEPHONY DISCUSSION

Explore the telephony support partners available to the NHS and the strengths & challenges Trusts are seeing across the market.

TOPICS COVERED

STRATEGIC FIT OF SUPPORT PARTNERS
Evaluating the stability of support partners.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR SUPPORT OPTIONS
OEM, MSP, independent and hybrid support models.

COMMERCIAL BENCHMARKING
Cost, flexibility and support value comparisons.

PEER INSIGHT, INDEPENDENT GUIDANCE
Vendor-neutral advice and NHS peer discussion.

DATE	TIME	FORMAT
17 JULY 2026	13:00 - 14:00	VIRTUAL - 60 MIN

IN
COLLABORATION
WITH

National Performance Advisory Group

SOULTECHNOLOGY.CO.UK/NHS-SUPPORT-ROUNDTABLE

NPAG Best Value Groups

The following groups are renewing in the coming months:

Estates BVG - New round starting on 18th June 2026

The NPAG Estates Best Value Group is a long-established specialist NHS forum, with over 20 years of experience, and membership continues to grow year on year. The group includes senior representation from Acute, Community and Mental Health Trusts, NHS Property Services and subsidiary organisations, reflecting the breadth and diversity of Estates leadership across the system. By becoming a member of the Estates BVG, organisations are well positioned to stay informed and engaged with national initiatives and emerging priorities. NPAG has strong links with NHS bodies and partners, supporting meaningful engagement and shared learning across the system. Sessions focus on national priorities, compliance and assurance, and real-world operational challenges. Recent and forthcoming areas of interest include, but are not limited to: new procurement regulations, recruitment, retention and apprenticeships within Estates roles, sustainability, Net Zero and energy resilience, energy security and infrastructure risk.

[Find out more](#)

Temporary Workforce Network - New round starting on 25th June 2026

NHS managers working in the field of temporary staffing come together to share knowledge and ideas, solve problems, discuss items of national interest, address resource issues and to generally support each other in what is a very challenging area. Topical areas are wide and varied, ranging from appraisals, bank agreements, staff contracts and employment policies, through eRostering and employment law to recruitment, retention and training. The group continues to develop relationships with and act as a sounding-board for national agencies including NHS Employers, NHS Counter Fraud Authority and the Department of Health and Social Care. Furthermore the Group enables members to openly discuss items of concern via the 'Hot Topics' agenda slot and engage with commercial organisations that can educate and innovate, particularly around rostering, resource management and employment law.

[Find out more](#)

Operating Theatre Managers BVG - New round starting in Summer 2026

The NHS Operating Theatres agenda is large and complex and with increasing pressures on this hugely important part of the NHS, the role of this group has never been more important. A major benefit of joining the Operating Theatres Best Value Group is that it is a national group with members from across the country – thereby offering a greater range of knowledge sharing, learning and support. Meetings vary in content and include presentations for external experts as well as members on a wide range of topics and NHS England regularly attends and updates on key topics. Each meeting also has a 'Hot Topics' slot where members can raise any current issues or areas where they need help and advice. There are also 'Member Experience' slots where members are invited to share local projects and initiatives. Members benefit significantly from the large amount of networking that takes place between meetings.

[Find out more](#)

Interested? NPAG's Best Value Groups provide a structured networking forum for healthcare professionals to meet, discuss current issues and hear from internal and external experts. Visit our [website](#) to find out more or contact the NPAG team for more information at info@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk

IT and Medical Connectivity Network 2025-26

Next Meeting - Thursday 2nd July 2026, virtual via MS Teams

What we cover – Agenda Highlights

Our programme focuses on the real challenges facing NHS IT, Digital and Clinical Engineering teams today, with practical, peer-led discussions and expert insight.

Recent and upcoming topics include:

- ✓ Safe connectivity between medical devices and IT systems
- ✓ Cybersecurity risks linked to connected medical technology
- ✓ Third-party and supply chain cyber risk within the NHS
- ✓ Governance, assurance and compliance
- ✓ Sharing lessons learned from incidents and near misses



Members benefit from open discussion, shared experience, and practical solutions that can be applied within their own organisations.

Who Attends & Who Speaks?

The Network brings together a wide range of NHS professionals, creating a strong, credible and collaborative community.

- ✓ Senior NHS IT, Digital and Clinical Engineering leaders
- ✓ National and regional representatives across Trusts
- ✓ Industry experts and thought leaders

Spotlight on Cybersecurity

Cybersecurity is a key focus of the Network, reflecting its growing importance across NHS organisations.

Topics include:

- ✓ Medical device and system vulnerabilities
- ✓ Third-party and supplier cyber assurance
- ✓ Real-world NHS risks and mitigation strategies

Why Join?

- Connect, learn and problem solve with peers facing similar challenges
- Share experiences and best practice
- Learn from real NHS case studies
- Build valuable professional connections

Try Before You Buy (TBYB)

- Attend a session with no obligation
- CPD-certified content (certificate provided)
- Practical learning you can apply immediately within your Trust

Low commitment, high value – see the benefit before you join and TBYB

Interested? [Click here to find out more](#) or contact Laura Howe for further details:
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Vacancy: Clinical Engineering BVG Facilitator (North & South)

Start Date: Autumn 2026 (handover period with current facilitator)
Location: Hybrid (with in-person meetings in London and Haydock and MS Teams)
Contract Type: Associate (working on behalf of NPAG)

About the Role

We are seeking a dynamic and well-connected facilitator to lead NPAG's Clinical Engineering Best Value Groups (BVGs). This is a unique opportunity to work with an established national network of NHS colleagues, supporting collaboration, benchmarking and the sharing of best practice across clinical engineering services.

Our Clinical Engineering groups bring together Heads of Service and senior leaders to explore key challenges including performance, governance, workforce, and the increasing demands placed on services. A key part of the role is ensuring that each meeting remains relevant, engaging and practical, bringing in the right conversations, insights and guest speakers to support meaningful discussion.

Key Responsibilities

- Facilitate regular Clinical Engineering BVG meetings (North & South; in-person and virtual)
- Shape relevant, up-to-date agendas with members and the Chair
- Source engaging speakers and fresh perspectives through your network
- Lead focused, balanced, outcome-driven discussions
- Support benchmarking (KPIs and shared challenges)
- Support the development of the annual Clinical Engineering conference agenda and chair the event on the day.

Ideal Candidate

- Strong NHS clinical engineering / medical devices background
- Well-connected, able to bring relevant speakers and contributors
- Confident facilitator for senior audiences with strong communication and organisational skills
- Able to work independently and as part of the NPAG team

Why Join Us?

- Work with a respected, established national NHS network
- Play a key role in shaping Clinical Engineering collaboration and benchmarking
- Flexible, associate-based role, supported by an experienced NPAG team, Chair and network of engaged members
- Opportunity to build your profile and connections across the NHS

How to Apply

Please contact Marie Cherry to arrange an informal chat about the role or for further details. To apply, please send your CV and a short statement to: info@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk

www.npag.org.uk info@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk

NPAG Training Workshops For Healthcare Professionals

As part of our aim to support NHS and public sector managers, NPAG offers a variety of healthcare training workshops, working with a network of trainers who are experts in their field.

The NPAG training workshop portfolio includes:

Workplace Wellbeing

A one-day on-site workshop offering a supportive and practical space for to explore strategies that promote personal resilience, emotional wellbeing and a healthier workplace culture. Through interactive sessions, participants gain tools to manage stress, improve self-awareness and foster positive communication - empowering them to care for themselves while continuing to deliver compassionate care to others.

[Find
out
more](#)

Putting the Patient First: Customer Care & Communication

This one-day on-site training workshop increases awareness of the service user relationships and its importance and impact on your organisation. The bespoke programme will reflect on your organisational core values, ensuring successful and measurable outcomes. Using exercises and various other materials, it will challenge behaviours and attitudes helping promote an excellent service to all service users.

[Find
out
more](#)

Clinical Development for Occupational Health Professionals

Part of a wider series of training modules for 2026, we are concentrating on two of the most in-demand workshops. Each will introduce recent research and developments, teaching critical thinking over academic content. Choose from:

Each module represents standalone professional participatory CPD hours.

[Find
out
more](#)

Benefits include:



- ✓ Evidence to the CQC of your commitment to improving patient care through staff training
- ✓ Evidence of contribution towards NHS England's *Promise* to provide a positive and compassionate working culture
- ✓ Practical 'toolkits' to help delegates hone additional skills to enhance their daily role
- ✓ All NPAG workshops are CPD certified, offering standalone professional participatory CPD hours
- ✓ As an NHS organisation, NPAG is able to offer training at very competitive prices

Who are our workshops aimed at?



Healthcare professionals. Training programmes are tailored and developed to meet delegate and organisational needs.

Interested? Visit our [website here](#) to find out more about our workshops here or
Contact Lynn Maddison for further details and booking information at info@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk

Leading Under Pressure



Workshops for Senior NHS Management

National Performance
Advisory Group

Psychologically Informed Leadership Under Pressure

New for 2026, NPAG introduces *Leading Under Pressure*. This practical leadership development workshop is designed for senior leaders, managers and corporate teams navigating today's complex organisational challenges.

Drawing on evidence-based organisational psychology and the Three Systems Model (drive, threat, soothe), this workshop helps leaders develop a sophisticated, psychologically informed understanding of how leadership operates under pressure. Participants explore how stress responses and leadership styles interact to shape team climate, performance and decision-making.

Why this workshop?

Modern healthcare organisations place leaders under relentless pressure. When demands escalate, even experienced leaders can unintentionally fall into reactive patterns of tightened control, withdrawal, over-striving or self criticism.

This workshop supports leaders to:


- ✓ Understand how pressure alters leadership style, behaviour and decision-making.
- ✓ Identify protective modes and their impact on others and the wider system.
- ✓ Develop insight into how different leadership styles interact within senior teams.
- ✓ Build psychologically safe, healthy and high-performing leadership cultures.
- ✓ Convert sustained pressure into adaptive, growth-focused leadership responses.
- ✓ Lead with greater steadiness, clarity and organisational impact.


What the day covers

1. The Three Systems Model
2. Leadership Under Pressure
3. Protective Modes
4. Strength Expressions
5. Skilled Responses & Practical Tools
6. Building Growth Cycles



This is a reflective, non therapeutic, psychologically informed session with exercises leaders can choose to complete privately or discuss within the group.

 One day in person organisational workshop (up to 8 Leaders).

 £1,750 per workshop (discounts for multi booking organisations).

 CPD certified

Trainer: Dr Jared Watson

Clinical Psychologist & Organisational Development Specialist



Dr Jared Watson brings doctoral level expertise in compassion focused therapy, organisational psychology and leadership behaviour under pressure. His work has been delivered with senior MBA cohorts, executive teams and NHS corporate leaders, and his research explores how threat, motivation and safeness interact to shape culture, performance and engagement.

Interested? Email info@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk or visit our [website](#)

NPAGNetwork

Supporting our Members

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The NPAG Network is available to all our Members and continues to provide a very welcome service.

NPAG developed the service, recognising the need for a forum for healthcare providers to ask questions, request assistance and information, share documents, and get professional and practical advice from their peers throughout the UK, saving time and money in not reinventing the wheel. Members of the NPAG's Best Value and National Networking Groups form the nucleus of the Network – providing over 600 contacts throughout the UK.



Here are some recent Network questions:



Could you please ask the DN network if anyone has any SOPs/clinical guideline/ policy relating to single nurse administration of CDs in the community they could share.

National District Nurses Network Member

Are any Trusts doing anything or is putting anything in place to help staff in E & F with the cost-of-living crisis? Do any Trusts offer additional leave as an incentive if you do not have any sickness recorded for the year? Are any Trusts (E & F) considering removing Band 2 posts and moving them/upskilling them to Band 3 considering how close the pay is now to the minimum wage.

Facilities South BVG Member

Can I have an example of your team briefs questions, are they specialty specific? Are they done from memory or specific checklist?

Operating Theatre Managers BVG Member

We are looking at our headroom currently, can you all let me know what your overall headroom is please, and what you include in the headroom e.g. does it include Mat leave etc.

Temporary Workforce Network Member

Has any trust got a "Wayfinding" app and if so has the risk around having the app been looked at in relation to Martyn's Law. We as a trust are looking into having an app that is open to all.

Violence Reduction & Security Management Network Member

If you don't currently use the service, please do so. You will not be disappointed! Please send your NPAG Network requests to: npagnetwork@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk

Please note, you need to be an NPAG member to submit an enquiry and members must have permission to share documentation with NPAG.

Working in Partnership with NPAG

NPAG has established many important partnerships over the years. We work closely with a number of excellent training providers and business associates.

If this is of interest to you, please contact us: info@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk

What's hot for the coming months:

National Networking Group Meetings

June

- Temporary Workforce Network
- Estates BVG
- Telecoms BVG
- Waste BVG
- Clinical Engineering North and South BVGs
- National District Nurses Network
- Energy Network
- Health Visiting and School Health Services

July

- NHS Car Parking & Sustainable Travel Network
- IT & Medical Connectivity Network
- EPRR
- Facilities North BVG
- NHS Transport & Logistics BVG
- NHS Sustainability Leads Network
- Violence Reduction & Security Mgt Network
- Operating Theatre Managers BVG

Conferences

- Clinical Engineering Conference (22nd September 2026)

Workshops & Events

- Clinical Development for Occupational Health Professionals training workshops
- Putting the Patient First on-site training workshops
- Workplace Wellbeing training workshops
- Leading Under Pressure workshops

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