**Stakeholder Report Form (Wider workforce)  
EoE Primary Care School Board Meeting**

| Programme / Workstream Name: | Primary Care PA Programme | | |
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| Programme Lead: | Dr Kunal Chandarana | | |
| PCS School Strategy Objective: | Learner Support | | |
| Period of Update: | June 2025 | RAG Status for project: |  |
| Placement Capacity | | | |
| Currently in Term 2 of Cohort 5 of the Primary Care PA Programme.  This year, we are operating at approximately 50% capacity. Due to negative media coverage and recent guidance restricting the scope of practice for Physician Associates, it has been challenging for PAs to secure positions in primary care. Unfortunately, although we received a high number of applications, we were unable to offer places to many applicants as they had not secured a primary care role. | | | |
| Learner Support | | | |
| PAs enrolled onto the programme have:  - Introductions to the Physician Associate Ambassadors  -Access to a minor illness module  -Peer support sessions  -The opportunity to link with other PAs  -A structured teaching programme  -Support from the TPD if they require advice or support  -A learning agreement between their practice and NHS England throughout the foundation programme to aid their learning  -Access to a £500 study budget | | | |
| Educator Support | | | |
| We run quarterly sessions for educators to provide updates on the programme and to allow a peer support group for educators. | | | |
| System Involvement | | | |
| The Training Programme Director collaborates with Training Programme Directors from other PA programmes and has a meeting scheduled with PA associations to enhance the support available to PAs. | | | |
| Quality Assurance | | | |
| We collect feedback after each teaching session.  Additionally, we gather feedback from PAs at the end of each term and at the end of the year on all aspects of the programme, including the teaching and resources provided. | | | |
| Retention | | | |
| N/A | | | |
| Communication | | | |
| Via website: [Physician Associate Foundation Intern Programme in Primary Care | East of England](https://heeoe.hee.nhs.uk/physician-associate-foundation-intern-programme-primary-care).  In addition, we communicate with supervisors at supervisor meetings, and with PAs during the structured teaching programme | | | |
| Any other key updates, highlights, decision making, operational updates, and upcoming priorities not otherwise included in this report. | | | |
| The Leng Review will help provide further clarity on the use of Physician Associates in primary care and may support them in securing roles within the sector.. | | | |