

Arts, Heritage and Design in Healthcare Network 2020-21

Autumn / Winter 2020

Last year NPAG set up a new national Networking Group for NHS managers and professional leads involved in the leadership and delivery of Arts, Heritage and Design services across hospitals. Our purpose is to share best practice, to find solutions and offer support to those working within this field of healthcare. We are also working to help raise the profile of the profession and, where appropriate, to improve and standardise approaches to working.

An NPAG national Network is a structured forum for healthcare professionals to meet, discuss current issues and receive presentations on topics they are interested in. Its prime purpose is to support managers in the continuous improvement of their service. NPAG have a long track record of supporting healthcare managers across the country, with over twenty such networks in operation. One year on and the Arts Network is well-established after three very successful meetings.

“Arts and heritage programmes in our hospitals play a key role in fulfilling recommendations set out by the 2017 inquiry report from the All Party Parliamentary Group for arts in health. I would urge hospital trusts to join this new national network, to assist in improving our hospital environments through high quality arts, heritage and design initiatives.”

Rt. Hon. Lord Howarth of Newport, Co-Chair, All-Parliamentary Group on Arts Health & Wellbeing.

What can the Network offer me?

We share information and experience in an open and honest environment, receive presentations from topical speakers, undertake benchmarking exercises, debate policy and identify innovations and good working practice. NPAG is a member of the CPD Certification Service and as a Network member, you will receive an annual CPD certificate to verify attendance at meetings. Between meetings you can access a managed question and answer service and a resource library, enabling members to unlock expertise across the field.

Time to think, discuss and plan

At the end of the last series of meetings we debated the concept of National Guidelines (similar to those of the National Criminal Justice Arts Alliance). Members were asked to consider the following areas:

Collection Management / Evaluation & Research / Art in Design & Build / Arts Participation / Governance

We will be developing these ideas during the coming round of three meetings over the next year, as well as finding time to debate hot topics, successes and challenges.

How do I sign up?

Because of Covid-19 the date / location of the first meeting of the 2020-21 round remains unconfirmed but you may register for group membership now. The cost of the annual membership is £410. You will not be invoiced until the first meeting date is set.

Interested? Please contact Victoria for further details or complete the included Registration Form to secure your place: victoria.combes@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk / tel: 01245 544600

