

“Championing innovative roles in primary care; the Paediatric Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP) & Children’s Care Coordinator”



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Background

Dave Owen - an ANP with paediatric background was employed in September 2022. His role supports an “on the day” GP service focusing on children & young people (CYP) presenting acutely unwell. In December 2022, Dave set up a twice weekly “paediatric review clinic” providing specialist input to acute & chronic presentations. In March 2023, Agnieszka Czokalo was employed to holistically support CYP and their families. Agnieszka has a background in early years education and paediatric occupational therapy. Over the past year, Dave has been championing these innovative roles.

Methods

In December 2022, Dave invited Jacqui Scrace (Chief Nursing Office) to shadow him for the day. Dave was introduced to NHS England by Jacqui who were very interested in how these roles could be further developed. Following conversation with Lucie Planner (NHSE CYP lead nurse) in June 2023 Dave and Agnieszka were invited to London for an NHSE southeast CYP workforce summit; to initiate discussion about their new roles. Dave is exploring the untapped potential that is in primary care for experienced CYP nurses to advance their clinical practice to the benefit of families in their community whilst also developing their careers.



Results

Through initiating discussion with key stakeholders, there is a real appetite amongst NHSE and Higher Education Institutes to work differently – for example, both Bournemouth and London South Bank Universities are currently meeting with NHSE to further develop primary care paediatric modules within their existing master’s pathway.

Conclusion

Through championing of these roles Dave hopes to be able to establish a ‘paediatric advanced nurse practitioner in primary care’ career pathway alongside more Children’s care coordinator roles. This will improve recruitment & retainment through the generic CYP workforce as we develop new ways of working.