



Post Certificate Professional Development

Bristol GP Education Team

Severn and Wessex Deanery 

What does the PCPD scheme in Bristol offer?

PCPD specific education

There will be PCPD specific events per year, including a 'start-up' event for GPs new to the scheme. The dates for 2007 are as follows.

2007

19 th April (Thursday)	all day (new members' start-up meeting in the morning)
15 th May (Tuesday)	afternoon
28 th June (Thursday)	morning
27 th September (Thursday)	all day (new members' start-up meeting in the morning)
16 th October (Tuesday)	evening
12 th November (Monday)	time to be confirmed

Details of each of these events can be found on our website under 'PCPD', or by following this link:

<http://www.bristolgpsolutions.org.uk/docs/PCPD%20Education%20sessions%202007.pdf>

I will email you reminders prior to each day/half day.

Our education venue in 2007 is **Engineers' House** (EEF) on the Promenade in Clifton. For directions, follow this link:

<http://www.eeftraining.org.uk/index.php>.

In response to scheme members' wide diversity of working patterns and commitments, PCPD educational events are offered on varying days of the week, and sometimes in the evenings.

How do I indicate my intention to come?

Complete a 'Confirmation of attendance' form, which you will find on the website under 'PCPD', and email it to me at jhennessey@cix.co.uk. Do include your personal learning needs / interests on this form: they are invaluable in preparing a learner-centred session.

Education content of study days and evenings

I will base the PCPD programme on the learning needs you tell me about in your Entry tutorial and in the 'Start-up' days. Course content will be tailored to the needs of newly qualified /post VTS GPs.

Additionally, you can email me at any time further learning needs as they arise, and I will endeavour either to meet them in future PCPD or CPD events, or to assist you in finding other quality sources of education through which to meet them.

Other education put on by the Bristol GP Education team

Membership of the PCPD scheme entitles you to priority places at CPD education days, and to reduced cost membership of the Bristol CPD scheme. The 2007 CPD education programme and details of how to join the CPD scheme can be found on this website under 'CPD'.

Please note that places at all the CPD events we put on are limited, usually to between 20 and 40 participants, depending on the nature of the event. While we will do our best to accommodate your choices, please book early to ensure your place.

Education put on by the GP Education teams in the Bath, Swindon and Gloucester areas

You can attend these free of charge through a 'reciprocity' arrangement that we have with GP Educationalist colleagues in these areas.

You can find out what is on through the cpdforum website (<http://www.cpdforum.org.uk/>) using the password 'Bristol'. Email me the details of the course you would like to attend, and I can arrange your free place.

Entry tutorial

This will last about an hour. It will cover, *inter alia*:

- ◆ your short and medium-term career intentions
- ◆ how you might like to record and reflect on your learning. I believe that the traditional Personal Learning Plan format is rigid and does not accommodate the learning style preferences of many learners. The tutorial will focus on what works for you, and how you can best learn from your own learning experiences.
- ◆ what you, personally, would like PCPD to provide you with

There is no need to bring anything to the tutorial, but you are welcome to bring any notes/record you have of prior or current learning needs and of recent learning you have undertaken.

Ongoing personal support

Developmental review

You will be invited to a Developmental review at the end of the first and second years of your scheme membership. You set the agenda for this. It is likely to cover some of the following:

- ◆ a re-visiting of the areas covered in your Entry tutorial, including the planning, realisation and reflection on your learning
- ◆ your evolving career intentions
- ◆ ways of meeting any support needs you have
- ◆ your new and unmet learning needs

Mentoring

You will be invited to join the Bristol GP Mentoring scheme, which offers you

- ◆ training in mentoring skills
- ◆ matching with a mentoring or co-mentoring partner (if desired)
- ◆ ongoing support and development in effective mentoring practice

There is no obligation to join the scheme, if this means of support is not for you. Similarly, you can attend an Introduction to mentoring session to find out what mentoring is about, with no further commitment.

Small groups

You are encouraged to continue to meet in your small group, or to join / form a new small group, for educational and personal support. Where it is useful, I can provide one or two (usually two) sessions of skills development for your small group, focussing on

- ◆ how you might 'manage' your group without an external facilitator, and/or
- ◆ problem-solving and professional support skills for groups

Please ask if you would like to set this up, or find out more about what it might involve.

'Ad hoc' support

I or another member of the Bristol GP Education team will be happy to meet with you at any stage during the two years, should you have any professional, educational or personal matters that you would like to discuss.