IT Skills Development E-bulletin

IT Skills Pathway User Groups in September

There are still a few places left on most of the autumn 2013 IT Skills Pathway User Groups.

This round will include all of the usual updates about the pathway including details of the new assessments in production and other future developments. The afternoon session will cover Training Quality Improvement (TQI) updates and a workshop titled 'Why your training matters?'.

As always we are holding the groups in different locations across the country and you are welcome to attend which ever suits as they will all cover the same content. If you are unable to attend in person we also have a webinar available. We will be providing drinks but not food, please refer to the table below for more information.

Location	Date	Time	Lunch
Manchester – Kings House, M1 7HB	Tue 3 Sept	10:30 – 15:30	• Not provided • Bring your own
Cambridge – Express By Holiday Inn, CB1 3JS	Thurs 5 Sept	10:30 – 15:30	• Not provided • Bring your own
National webinar **FULLY BOOKED**	Mon 9 Sept	10:00 – 12:00	• N/A
Redditch – Prospect House, B97 6EW	Wed 11 Sept	10:30 – 15:30	• Not provided • Bring your own or use nearby supermarket
Taunton – Priorswood IT Suites, TA2 8RX	Fri 13 Sept	10:30 – 15:30	• Not provided • Bring your own
Leeds – Vantage House, LS1 4HT	Wed 18 Sept	10:30 – 15:30	• Not provided • Bring your own or use café's
Newcastle – North East SHA, NE15 8NY	Tue 24 Sept	10:00 – 15:30 (30 min local update at 10:00)	• Not provided • Bring your own or use on site canteen
Leicester – Webinar	Wed 25 Sept	10:00 – 12:00	• N/A
London – Skipton House, SE1 6LH	Thurs 26 Sept	10:30 – 15:30	• Not provided • Bring your own or use on site canteen

As we no longer have access to the booking system we have used in the past you will need to email us (it.skills@hscic.gov.uk) to reserve your place.

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LEVEL THREE

LEVEL TWO

LEVEL ONE

ENTRY

September IT Skills Pathway Tracking System

The September IT Skills Pathway Tracking System webinar will be held on Thursday 12 September, 10:00 – 12:00. If you would like to attend please contact us by email (it.skills@hscic.gov.uk) and we'll book you in. We will send the dial in details out to those booked on about a week before each session.

If you would like to attend a webinar but are unavailable on this date please let us know and we'll look into adding another date into the diary.

Please also contact us by email (it.skills@hscic.gov.uk) if you are interested in these sessions but are not yet set up as a centre.

Ask Maude

Maude is on her holidays and will be back in September

New menus webinars

You may have noticed that there are differences between the elearning menu styles for entry/level 1 and level 2/3 materials.

We will be changing the entry and level 1 menus to be the same style as level 2 and 3 in the future. As you will be aware we are also in the process of producing diagnostic and post-learning assessments for the level 2 and 3 elearning.

The above changes will mean that there will be slight differences between the two and therefore things to consider when you create your customised courses. With this in mind we thought it would be useful to offer you some webinars to explain how things will be different and to give you demos of the new menus.

We have booked another session (details below). Please let us know if you would like to attend this session and we will send you the dial in information.

Date	Time
Friday 20 September	10:00 – 10:30

If you would like to learn more about the new menus but are unavailable on these dates please let us know and we'll look into adding additional dates into the diary.

Please also contact us by email (it.skills@hscic.gov.uk) if you are interested in these sessions but are not yet set up as a centre.

Top Pathway centres:

1 5 Boroughs Partnership NHS Trust

2 Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS FT

3 University of Manchester

4 University of Portsmouth

5 Lancashire Teaching Hospitals

6 Birmingham Community Healthcare Trust

7 Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust

8 NHS England

9 Lewisham NHS Trust

10 United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust

Pathway elearning:

No. of learners in July 2013	2683
Total pathway learners (since release 4)	86834

Completion statistics - applying customisation changes to an existing course

We have made a few alterations within the tracking system recently particularly to do with course customisations. This can be a complicated topic for centres so please find some detailed information below about how altering existing courses will affect your learners.

If you wish to make changes to a course that delegates have already accessed, we always recommend that you create a new course instead. Making changes to a course that has already been published can have unforeseen consequences for the delegates who have already accessed it. Some of these are detailed below.

Switching on post learning assessments in an existing course

If you have created a course, setting completion criteria other than post learning assessment completion, and learners have met these criteria and completed the course, their completion status will be reset if you subsequently switch on the post learning assessment. This cannot be undone.

The following warning will be displayed;

Message from webpage — There are 5 active learners and 3 completions against this customisation. If you switch post learning assessments on, all completions will be reset. This is not recommended. Continue?   OK   Cancel
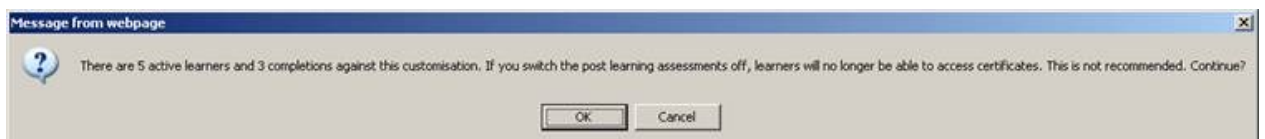
Clicking OK will confirm your changes and reset delegates' completion. Clicking cancel will return you to the course customisation form without saving your changes.

Switching off post learning assessments in an existing course
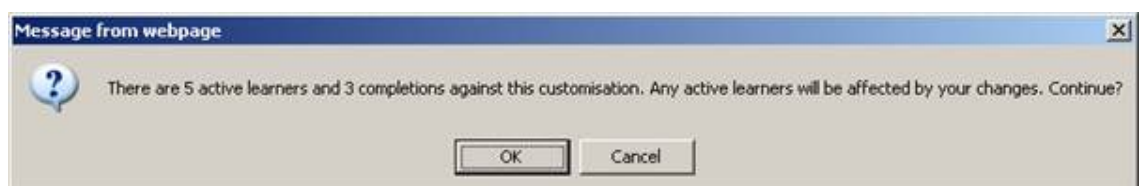
If you switch off post learning assessments for a course, any delegates who have passed the assessments and completed the course will no longer be able to access their certificate.

The following warning will be displayed;

Message from webpage — There are 5 active learners and 3 completions against this customisation. If you switch the post learning assessments off, learners will no longer be able to access certificates. This is not recommended. Continue?   OK   Cancel

Making any other changes to a course with active delegates

If any other change is made and there are active delegates against the course, the following warning will be displayed;

Message from webpage — There are 5 active learners and 3 completions against this customisation. Any active learners will be affected by your changes. Continue?   OK   Cancel

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