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IT Skills Development E-bulletin

Festive Greetings from the IT Skills Pathway Team

Everyone here at the IT Skills Pathway Team would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Christmas 2016 Countdown *- be prepared - only 5 sleeps to go*

Support over the Christmas Period

Date	IT Skills Pathway Technical Support Morecambe Bay	IT Skills Support it.skills@nhs.net
Wed 21st Dec	Open	Open
Thurs 22nd Dec	Open	Open
Fri 23rd Dec	Open	Open
Mon 26th Dec Boxing Day	Closed	Closed
Tue 27th Dec Boxing Day Bank Holiday	Closed	Closed
Wed 28th Dec	Closed	Closed
Thurs 29th Dec	Closed	Closed
Friday 30th Dec	Closed	Closed
Mon 2nd Jan New Year's Day Bank Holiday	Closed	Closed
Tues 3rd Jan	Open	Open

Christmas Reminders Checklist

✓ **Centre Managers**

☐ Have a great Christmas!

✓ **All Tracking System Administrators**

☐ Have a great Christmas!

User Groups

Places still available for the South West User Groups

Tuesday 10 January

Exeter @ 10:00 - For further details and to book your place on Eventbrite click here

Dorchester @ 14:00 - For further details and to book your place on Eventbrite click here

Please ensure you book a place using the links as we need the numbers for parking and security purposes.

Spring User Groups

Northern Ireland, Monday 27th February, date to be confirmed.

Dates for all other Spring User Groups to be announced soon.

Annual Survey - Published

The full survey report has now been published and is available to read on the IT Skills Pathway web site at:-

http://www.itskills.nhs.uk/bulletins/ITSPAnnualSurveyReport2016.pdf

On the whole the survey has been very positive and the consensus is that we are offering the products that centres need with a high level of service support.

IT Skills Pathway Updated Terms and Conditions - Action Required

Final reminders have now been sent, if you have received an email please reply and accept to continue using the Tracking System.

Anyone not accepting the terms and conditions by the end of January 2017 will have their access to the Tracking System removed.

Training Dates

Content Management System (CMS) - Training Dates

The CMS System enables centres to create bespoke courses using all of the content available from the IT Skills Pathway and then publish this to learners. Dates for January are now available and it's easy to book a place for your organisation with Eventbrite, just click here to view the training dates and register for your preferred date.

IT Skills Pathway Tracking System Training Webinars

Monthly team training webinars are available to book in January. To see dates and book a place with Eventbrite click here .

If your Centre needs a new year refresher and see what's new to the IT Skills Pathway, book your place today.

Are Your Cookies Enabled?

Please read on - this is important security information for your centre.

At the end of February 2017 cookieless access to the IT Skills Pathway will be disabled, **if session cookies are not enabled at your centre, you will no longer be able to use the IT Skills Pathway.**

This change will also affect your learners and you may need to engage the support of your local IT service desks to get the ***itskills.nhs.uk** added to the Trusted Sites list. This change may require the submission of an organisation wide change request.

You may find the following site useful to determine whether you need to take any action:
https://www.whatismybrowser.com/detect/are-cookies-enabled

To keep on using the IT Skills Pathway, make sure your cookies are enabled today.

Top Pathway centres:

1   University of Manchester

2   Teesside University

3   Southern Health and Social Care Trust

4   Devon Partnership NHS Trust

5   Sheffield Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

6   Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

7   Kent Community Health NHS Trust

8   The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust

9   Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust

10 North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

Pathway learning:

No. of learners in November 2016   4683

Total pathway learners (since release 4)   215329

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