

IT Skills Development

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New Module: Digital Literacy - What is it?

The new Digital Literacy module is currently undergoing beta-testing, but what is it and what does it cover?

The Wikipedia definition of Digital Literacy is:

“The ability to locate, organize, understand, evaluate, and analyse information using digital technology. It involves a working knowledge of current high-technology, and an understanding of how it can be used.”

The IT Skills Pathway Digital Literacy course has a knowledge based curriculum to help delegates understand the digital world around them.

The course is split into the following modules:

- ◆ Getting started
- ◆ Digital devices
- ◆ Apps, applications and files
- ◆ Staying safe
- ◆ Communication
- ◆ The Internet



Each of the modules covers the curriculum in more detail. For example, the staying safe module covers subjects such as viruses, malware, digital footprints and password security.

Feedback so far from the beta testing has been exceptional and we can't wait to add this to course to the IT Skills Pathway portfolio.

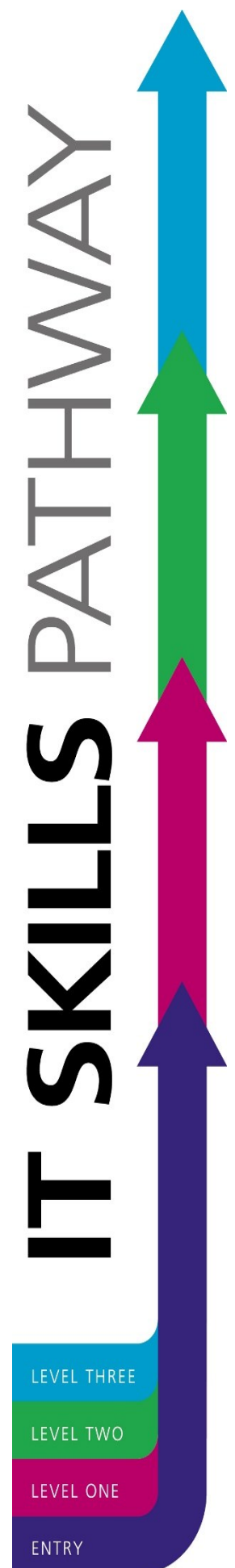
Enhanced Progress Report for customised courses

Currently IT Skills Pathway delegates only receive IT Skills Pathway certificates if they achieve 85% in each of the modules of the post-learning assessments of the full IT Skills Pathway courses.

It has been suggested by some organisations that delegates should receive certificates for customised or part courses as well.

Following a meeting of the IT Skills Pathway Expert Advisory Group it was decided that rather than a full certificate being awarded that delegates will receive an enhanced progress report acknowledging their achievement in fulfilling their customised or part course requirements.

We will notify you, once these changes have been put in place. If you have any queries on this article please feel free to email the team via it.skills@hscic.gov.uk



IT Skills User Groups - Spring 2016 - Dates Announced

Dates have now been set for the Spring IT Skills User Groups. If you wish to attend then please reserve your place now, by e-mailing it.skills@hscic.gov.uk. There will be the usual updates as well as the chance to share your experiences of the IT Skills Pathway.

Location	Date	Time
Manchester	Thursday 14th April	10:30—14:00
Newcastle	Tuesday 19th April	10:30—14:00
London	Thursday 21st April	10:30—14:00
Leeds	Tuesday 26th April	10:30—14:00
Redditch	Thursday 28th April	10:30—14:00
National Webinar	Tuesday 3rd May	10:30—12:00

IT Skills Pathway Tracking System Webinar

We run monthly two hour training webinars for new centres or centres wanting a refresh about using the Pathway and materials. The IT Skills Pathway Tracking System webinars go through the tracking system and materials in lots of detail and give attendees an opportunity to ask lots of questions.

The February session will be held on Thursday 11th February, 10 - 12. If you would like to attend please contact us by email (it.skills@hscic.gov.uk) and we'll book you in. The dial in details will be sent out to those who have booked approximately a week before each session.

If you would like to attend a webinar but are unavailable on the above date the next two will be held on Thursday 17th March, 10-12 and Thursday 7th April 10-12. Please also contact us by email (it.skills@hscic.gov.uk) if you are interested in these sessions but are not as yet set up as a centre.

Top Pathway centres:

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| 1 Teesside University | 6= Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust |
| 2 University of Manchester | 6= Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust |
| 3 North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust | 8 Central Southern Commissioning Support Unit |
| 4 Devon Partnership NHS Trust | 9 NHS England |
| 5 University of Portsmouth | 10 Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust |

Pathway learning:

No. of learners in December 2015 **7327**

Total pathway learners **185131**
(since release 4)



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