# IT Skills Development E-bulletin
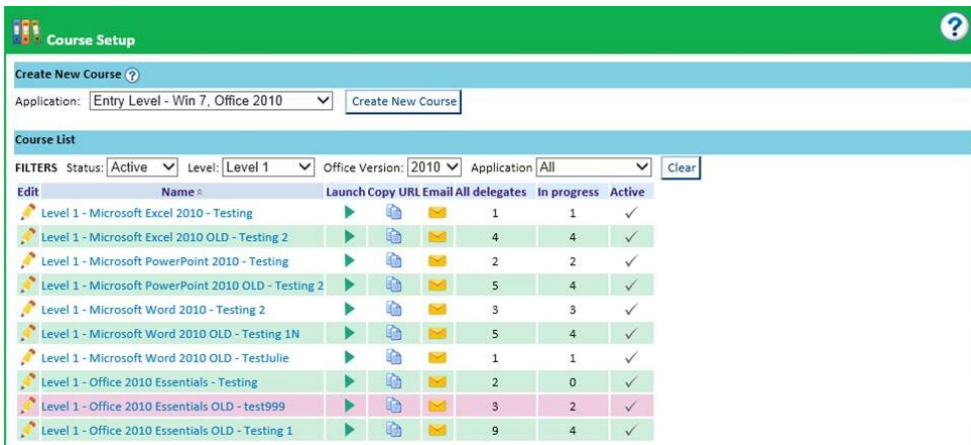
## Tracking System Release—Version 6.0

**The new updated tracking system (Version 6.0) will be released on the 1st of July.**
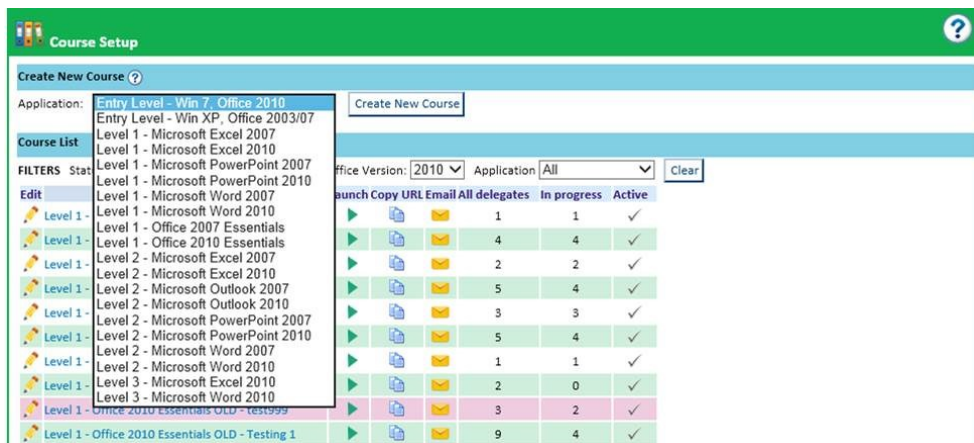
With Version 6.0 you will see no major changes to the look and feel of the system, it will however incorporate the new menus for entry level and level 1 courses to bring the whole system in to line with the level 2 and level 3 menus.

These changes will ensure your learners have a consistent journey on the IT Skills Pathway by giving them the additional functionality for entry level and level 1 courses that they already receive for level 2 and 3 courses.

1. This screenshot shows the course setup screen. You will notice that any Entry Level and Level 1 courses using the Old Style Menu will have "OLD" included in their title.



2. When creating a new course you will only have the option of using the new style menus as you can see below, there are no entries in the dropdown for "OLD".
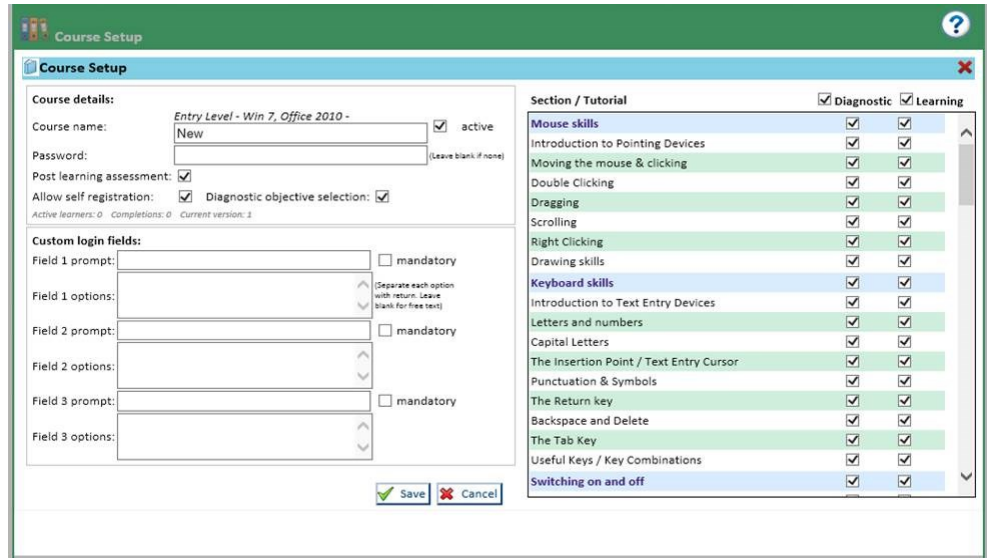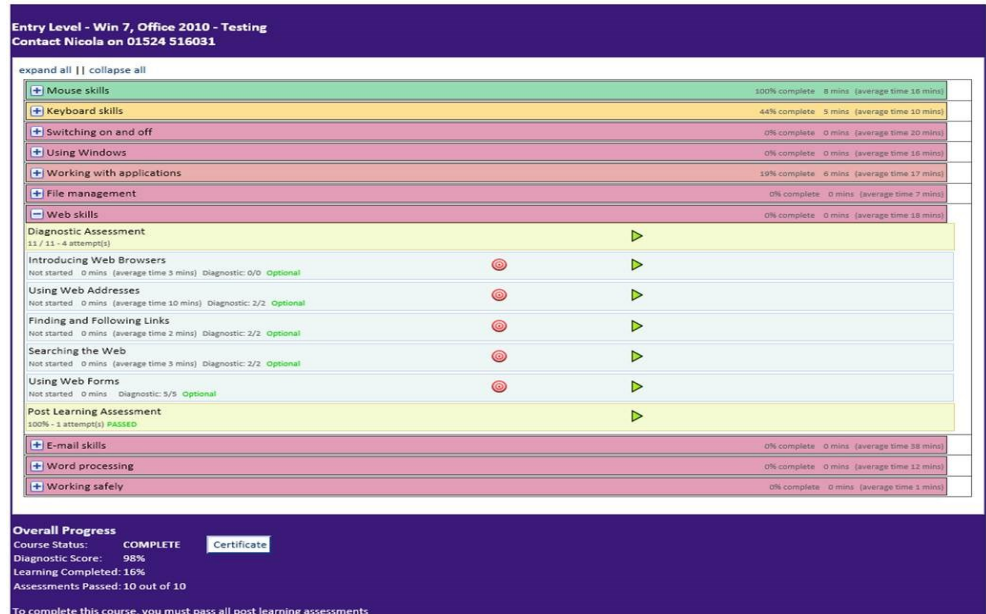
3. The Course Setup menu for both Entry Level and Level 1 courses now show the same functionality as Level 2 and 3.



4. This screenshot shows the menu that the learners will now see for an Entry Level course, this will be the same for Level 1 and will give the learners a consistent experience throughout the IT Skills Pathway.



**We are confident these changes will make for an improved user experience, as learners will now have a consistent interface as they work their way along the IT Skills Pathway from Entry Level through to Level 3.**

## Knowledge Bank is Coming…. What is it?

Wouldn't it be great if you were asked to build a Pivot Table in Excel and you were given instance access to training or a recap just before you got started?

With the Knowledge Bank you can!

It's a new system that is being developed from the IT Skills Pathway materials to give you just in time training. The whole team at IT Skills Pathway are extremely excited about this development (and we already know from user groups that you are too), which will give whole NHS organisations on demand training at the touch of a button!

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON……...

## PowerPoint Level 2  - 2007

The PowerPoint Level 2—2007 Post Learning and Pre Learning assessments have now been released. This means all current courses are completed and there is now a full set of Post Learning and Pre Learning assessments for Entry Level, Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3.
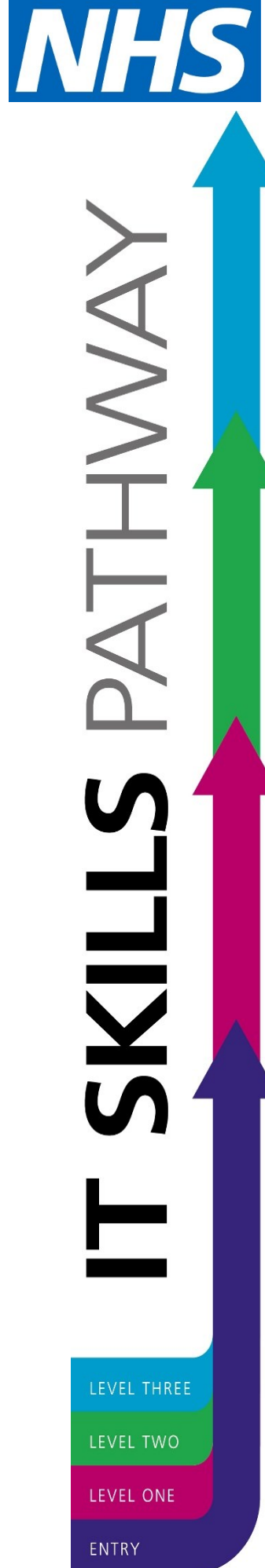
## Technical Issues—IT Skills Pathway

We'd like to extend a huge and sincere apology to all of our centres and learners for the technical issues that have occurred over the past few days. These were down to issues with our Internet Service Provider and completely beyond our control. We are putting in steps to try and ensure this doesn't occur to this extent in the future.

It has however highlighted our communications strategy and messaging to our centres. In the future, we recommend, if you have access to Facebook or Twitter within your organisation that you follow us on our twitter account @nhsitskills or join our Facebook Group NHS IT Skills Pathway for the very latest information.

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LEVEL THREE

LEVEL TWO

LEVEL ONE

ENTRY

# IT Skills User Groups—Autumn 2014

**The Spring round of User Groups have now been completed, we now look forward to the next round and below are some provisional dates and timings for your diary.**

The agenda for the User Groups will include IT Skills Pathway updates and developments, centre sharing and updates from Training Quality Improvement (TQI) Team.

| Location | Date | Time |
|---|---|---|
| Newcastle | Tuesday 30th September | 10:30– 15:00 |
| Leeds | Wednesday 1st October | 10:30—15:00 |
| National Webinar | Tuesday 7th October | 10-12 |
| Cambridge | Thursday 9th October | 10:30—15:00 |
| Manchester | Tuesday 14th October | 10:30—15:00 |
| Redditch | Wednesday 15th October | 10:30—15:00 |
| London | Wednesday 23rd October | 10:30—15:00 |
| Reading | Thursday 24th October | 10:30—15:00 |

# July 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.**

The July session will be held on Thursday 10 July, 10 - 12. 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.

## Top Pathway centres:

1   **Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust**

2   **NHS England**

3   **Teesside University**

4   **Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust**

5   **Lancashire Teaching Hospitals**

6   **The Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Trust**

7   **The Health Informatics Service (hosted by Calderdale & Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust**

8   **Bridgewater Community Healthcare Trust**

9   **Darent Valley Hospital**

10   **Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust**

## Pathway elearning

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| No. of learners in May 2014 | 2754 |
| Total pathway learners (since release 4) | 105904 |

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