

IT Skills Development E-bulletin

Free Touch Typing Course

We are regularly asked whether we can produce a touch typing course for the IT Skills Pathway. Funding and resources have always prevented us from doing this, however Tony Johnson from Bradford District Care Trust has informed us they are using a FREE course from www.typing.com very successfully.



We've compiled a short guide on how to give your learners access to the course and how you can monitor their progress. The guide can be found on the Tracking System within the 'Resources' tab under 'Trainer Resources'. A number of other Touch Typing courses are also available and if you use a different one, please let us know, via it.skills@hscic.gov.uk and we will be happy to share those too.

Future Learning Modules – what next?

The IT Skills Pathway Expert Advisory Group (ITSPEAG) held a face to face workshop on Wednesday 23rd September to agree and prioritise the courses that will be included in our new HTML 5.0 compatible IT Skills Pathway Content Management System (CMS). More details on the decisions made and the CMS itself will be available over the coming month and will form a major part of the presentations at the next round of user groups. If you haven't already done so, please book your place at one of the user groups to find out more.



Give your input—IT Skills Pathway Annual Survey!

Our third annual survey has been sent out to all centre managers. The survey gives you the opportunity to provide us with valuable feedback on the products and services we supply. Please take the time to complete it (it will only take a few minutes and we take action on every comment received). The deadline is Friday 2nd October. The final survey report will be sent out in November when you will be able to see all comments and resulting actions.



IT Skills User Groups - Autumn 2015

Dates below are for the Autumn IT Skills User Groups. If you wish to attend then please reserve your place now, by e-mailing it.skills@hscic.gov.uk. As well as the usual updates about the IT Skills Pathway and the chance to share your experiences, we hope to be able to demonstrate a prototype of our new HTML 5.0 compliant Content Management System (CMS)

Location	Venue	Date	Time
Newcastle	Durham House, Washington	Tuesday 3rd November	10:30—14:00
Manchester	North Manchester General	Thursday 5th November	10:30—14:00
Redditch	Prospect House	Tuesday 10th November	10:30—14:00
London	Skipton House	Tuesday 17th November	10:30—14:00
Huntingdon	Serco ASP, Kingfisher House	Thursday 19th November	10:30—14:00
Leeds	Trevelyan House	Friday 20th November	10:30—14:00
National Webinar	Online WebEx	Thursday 26th November	10:30—14:00

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 September session will be held on Thursday 22nd October, 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 12th November 10-12 and Tuesday 8th December 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 Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Partnership NHS Trust | 6 Cumbria Partnership NHS Foundation Trust |
| 2 University of Manchester | 7 Teesside University |
| 3 Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust | 8 Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust |
| 4 Devon Partnership NHS Trust | 9 North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust |
| 5 Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust | 10 Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust |

Pathway learning:

No. of learners in August 2015	1771
Total pathway learners (since release 4)	169946



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