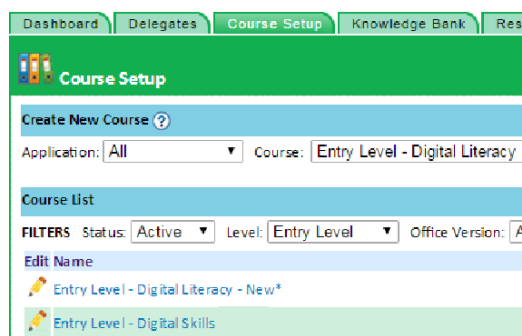


IT Skills Development E-bulletin

Digital Skills—Learning Released

To further support our IT Skills Pathway Centres, Digital Skills learning has now been released. This is our second HTML 5.0 course (meaning it doesn't require the Adobe Shockwave plug in) and is designed to compliment the Digital Skills Literacy course. You may now wish to consider using these courses in place of the old Entry Level course. Please get in touch with us via the usual methods if you wish to discuss further.



As the assessments for the Digital Skills are not yet available, please remember when these do become available you will need to create a new course.

The Search for Testers is on.....

We're pleased to announce that good progress is being made with some more of our HTML 5.0 courses, the timescales for testing are:-

Digital Skills Assessments - (testing between 15th & 29th July)

And

Office Essentials Learning - (testing between 8th & 22nd July)

These courses are now ready to be tested and as always we would value your help to do this. If you are able to assist please email us at it.skills@hscic.gov.uk and let us know the email addresses of all your testers and the name of your centre.



IT Skills User Groups - Autumn 2016 - Dates

Dates have now been set for the Autumn IT Skills User Groups. This will be your first chance to see the new Content Creator e learning development application as well as the usual updates and a chance to share your experiences of the IT Skills Pathway.

Location	Date	Time	Reserve a Place
Newcastle	Thursday 22nd September	10:00—13:00	For Newcastle
Manchester	Tuesday 20th September	10:00—13:00	For Manchester
London	Thursday 29th September	10:00—13:00	For London
Leeds	Thursday 13th October	10:00—13:00	For Leeds
Redditch	Thursday 6th October	10:00—13:00	For Redditch
National Webinar	Tuesday 18th October	10:00—13:00	For National Webinar

We are changing the way in which you book for these events, simply click the link to your chosen user group venue in the reserve a place column above and follow our virtual (semi-retired) team member Maude* on the next page as she guides you through the new Eventbrite booking process.

Need to book a place at a User Group?

Do the sensible thing



This month, Maude has come out of retirement to look at a new way for Centres to book places at User Groups

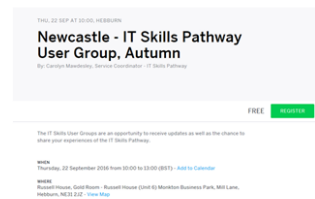


Maude thought it would be useful to guide you through the new, easy booking process

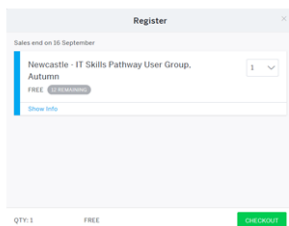
Booking table here



“To book your place click on your user group venue link”



“... and click **REGISTER** to book a place”



“Click **CHECKOUT**”



“Almost there..... complete the **Your Information** section and then click **Complete Registration**”



Maude has enjoyed her trip out of retirement and hopes she has helped you today

*For those of you new to the IT Skills Pathway, Maude used to have a regular article in our monthly bulletins. She now spends most of her time scuba diving near her villa in the Cayman Islands.

Ironman Canada 2016

When he's not working on the IT Skills Pathway, Senior Service Manager David Levison, spends most of his time training for triathlons.

We caught up with David and asked him a few questions....

So what's this Ironman all about?
"An Ironman is one of the hardest one-day endurance races in the entire world."

What will you actually be doing? *"A mere 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike ride and then a marathon, I've chosen to do it in the Whistler ski resort area - and that means hills, big hills!"*



We have to ask WHY? *"Ironman is the ultimate triathlon, I have completed a number of races over shorter distances but nothing this big. I suppose I just needed to scratch that itch and test myself to the limit."*

How can our Centres support you on this journey? *"I've no idea how many bottles of water I will have consumed by the end of the race (and in training) but it seems fitting to remember the millions of people that don't have access to the thing I will take for granted - clean drinking water."*

"I'm fundraising for WaterAid an international charity who aim to transform lives by improving access to safe water, hygiene and sanitation in the world's poorest communities. Thanks so much for your support!"

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/David-Levison3>

We know that your donations will help to make all the pain worthwhile.

Content Management System (CMS) Update

The new CMS has now been piloted and is ready to be launched.

The CMS, for anyone who hasn't already heard:-

1. Allows you to create your own versions of our normal courses
2. Lets you combine existing courses (e.g. put Word, Excel and PowerPoint all into one course)

So the CMS enables centres to create customised learning from existing courses. For example you have a learner who needs to know how to create tables in Word, charts in Excel and present them in PowerPoint, you can create a tailored piece of learning from existing Pathway learning using the CMS.

Interested? Training Webinar dates are coming soon.....

Future developments to the CMS will enable centres to host locally developed learning and assessment content within our Tracking System (charges apply).

Digital Skills Crisis – or is it?

A report published by the UK Government's Commons Science and Technology Committee earlier this month warned that urgent action is needed to deal with the UK's digital skills crisis. The **GOOD NEWS** for our Centres is the IT Skills Pathway Service provides access to **free of charge Digital Skills** training and assessments for the current and future Health & Social Care workforce. The full report is available [here](#), in brief the report states that:-

- 12.6 million UK adults lack digital skills
- 5.8 million UK adults have never used the Internet at all
- The UK needs another 745,000 workers with digital skills by 2017
- 90% of UK jobs require digital skills to some degree
- The digital skills gap costs the UK economy around £63bn a year in lost income

The IT Skills Pathway is your solution to fill the Digital skills gap and upskill the Health and Social Care workforce.

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 detail and give attendees an opportunity to ask lots of questions.

The July session will be held on **Thursday 14th 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. The dial in details will be sent out to those who have booked approximately a few days before the session.

If you would like to attend a webinar but are unavailable on the above date the next one will be held on Thursday 16th August 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 Devon Partnership NHS Trust |
| 2 Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust | 7 University of Portsmouth |
| 3 North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust | 8 Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust |
| 4 Sheffield Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust | 9 Health and Social Care Information Centre |
| 5 Vibrance | 10 University of Manchester |

Pathway learning:

No. of learners in May 2016	2543
Total pathway learners (since release 4)	200571



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