

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 22-209	18 th May 2022
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I have been asked to research how practice nurses are trained in the Aneurin Bevan area. This could be as continuing professional development for those nurses already with practice nursing experience, or for those new to the role.

Within the Health Board Practice Nurse training is provided via an Academy based approach called Aneurin Bevan Care Academy (ABCa).

ABCa was established to support Primary Care with the recruitment of Academy nurses to help fill General Practice Nurse vacancies and therefore support the sustainability of General Practices.

Nurses undertake an accelerated 6-month education programme covering all aspects of General Practice Nursing. The Education programme is also available to Practice Nurses already established in their roles and can form part of continuing professional development and revalidation processes.

The programme is delivered via a combination of virtual and face to face sessions and workshops. The training programme has been designed to cover key essential knowledge and skills required to be a practice nurse. This includes the following areas :

- Cytology
- Childhood immunisations
- Infection control
- Doppler,
- Wound management
- Travel vaccination
- Women's health
- Contraception
- Vaginal Discharge/Sexual Transmitted Disease
- Menopause
- Flu Update
- News and Sepsis
- Drug and Alcohol (GDAS)
- Dia Tips 1,2.3&4
- Paediatrics within Primary Care
- Dementia
- Mental health
- Smoking Cessation
- XPERT
- Men's Health
- Overview of Prostate Cancer
- Erectile Dysfunction

- Quality Patient Safety
- Podiatrist Update
- ANTT and Cross Infection
- Venepuncture Training
- Adult and Children Basic Life Support Training
- MECC
- Zoledex
- Aortic Abdominal Aneurysm, Breast, Bowel Medicines Management
- Respiratory – Asthma and COPD
- Practice Nurse Cancer Update
- Hypertension/Cardiac Rehab and Hear Failure
- Asylum Seekers and Vulnerable Adults Update
- Diet and Nutrition
- Safeguarding Adult and Children

The programme is based on the Royal College of General Practice Nurse Competencies and the new [Health Education Improvement Wales \(HEIW\) All Wales General Practice Nurse Framework](#).

There is practice based mentorship element to the programme to support with:

- Orientation to the clinical area
- Support and supervision in the clinical area
- Further development of the skills already acquired and the development of new skills pertinent to the clinical area