



The **North West Healthcare Science Trainee Network Board (NW HCS TNB)** was set up in the summer of 2013 by Helen Liggett (Northwest Healthcare Science Network Lead), Nick Fowler-Johnson (North West MSC Programme Lead) and Tiffany Daniels (STP in Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics)

to develop the trainee arm of the North West Healthcare Science Network (www.nwhcs.nhs.uk). The Trainee Network Board's vision is to support, develop and promote all healthcare science trainees and junior staff from all healthcare science specialisms across the North West. It is:

- A dedicated group of trainees that will provide all trainees with a voice across the strategic landscape locally and nationally.
- Supported by the North West Healthcare Science Network and Health Education North West (HE NW) and has representation on HE NW HCS Workforce Board.
- The conduit for feeding into national groups such as the National School of Healthcare Science Themed Boards and locally into the North West STP Training Managers Group.



Last Years Christmas Event with Sue Hill



TNB members at a recent meeting

Success to date:

- Expanded very rapidly, there are now **17 trainee volunteers** to represent all stages of training, specialisms and trusts across the North West.
- Supported the 2013 intake of trainees at dedicated '**welcome events**' both for STP and PTP programmes in the North West.
- Hosted a Christmas networking event with key speaker Chief Scientific Officer **Prof. Sue Hill OBE** that was a roaring success!
- Supported the '**Introduction to Leadership**' one day programme in February 2014
- Developed trainee specific pages on the NW HCS website www.nwhcs.nhs.uk/trainiees-network-board including contact details, important information bulletins, event information, TNB meeting and action logs.
- Engaged with the **NW STP Training Managers Meeting**, feeding back STP trainee concerns and suggested solutions.
- Encouraging trainees to sign up to be a **STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) NHS Healthcare Science Ambassador** (www.stemnet.org.uk) to enthuse the next generation to become healthcare scientists, details of which can be found on the NHS careers website www.nhscareers.nhs.uk/explore-by-career/healthcare-science

Forthcoming Activities: (Registration for all events will be via the NWHCS Website apart from the MAHSE event)

- The formation of **'elective'** and **'project'** areas on the TNB arm of the NWHCS website.
- Generating a **'welcome pack'** for new trainees that will help navigate the complex landscape of the training programmes.
- Exhibition stand at the national STP welcome event in Birmingham (19/09/2014)
- Supporting the 2014 intake of trainees at dedicated **'welcome events'** both for STP (09/10/14) and PTP (25/09/14) programmes in the North West.
- Involvement in the MAHSE welcome event for new students (06/10/2014)
- Arranging a **'How To Do Research'** study day at Central Manchester Foundation Trust open for all STP/PTP students to attend (27/11/2014)
- Hosting the **2014 Christmas networking event (11/12/2014)**...theme to be decided but watch this space!
- Hosting an **'Introduction to Leadership'** event to be held in February 2015.
- Involvement in the **'MAHSE Research and Electives Showcase'** (07/05/2015).

Name	Specialism	Base Hospital	Year Started
Natalie Abbott (Co-Chair)	Radiotherapy Physics	Royal Liverpool University Hospital	2012 - STP
Samantha Thorn (Co-Chair)	Cardiac Physiology	University Hospital of South Manchester	2010 - PTP
Samantha Shannon (Co-Chair)	Critical Care	Manchester Royal Infirmary	2013 - STP
Suzanne Armitage	Clinical Biochemistry	University Hospital of South Manchester	2011 - STP
Maria Flenley	Clinical Biochemistry	Royal Preston Hospital	2012 - STP
Kia Langford-Smith	Clinical Biochemistry	Aintree University Hospital	2012 - STP
Craig Portsmouth	Clinical Biochemistry	Salford Royal Foundation Trust	2012 - STP
Rushana Hussain	Microbiology	Royal Bolton Hospital	2013 - STP
Saira Hussain	Neurosensory (Audiology)	University Hospital of South Manchester (Withington)	2013 - STP
Abdul Khalid	Medical Physics	The Christie Hospital	2013 - STP
Chris Daft	Medical Physics	Merseyside Training Consortium	2013- STP
Michael Gornall	Imaging with Ionising Radiation	The Christie Hospital	2013- STP
Saadiyah Patel	Life Sciences	Manchester Metropolitan University	2013 - PTP
Rabia Afzal	Life Sciences	Manchester Metropolitan University	2013 - PTP
Ikra Majeed	Cardiac Science	Manchester Metropolitan University	2013- PTP
Maimona Baig	Audiology	University of Manchester	2013- PTP
Ambreen Ahmad	Audiology	University of Manchester	2013- PTP

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