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NHS Education for Scotland Letter of 3 April 2013

NES's Response to the Question:

What specialised training is given to staff treating or working with adolescents and young people in the NHS in Scotland?

NES has developed the Adolescent Healthcare Resource which is hosted on the Child Health Managed Knowledge Network in response to the report and gap analysis into the learning needs of adolescents undertaken by Blake Stevenson as commissioned by NES. The interactive scenario based resource is available at SCQF levels 7 and 9 and has been very well evaluated by practitioners undertaking the learning. There is a specific module on adolescent mental health but nothing specific in relation to adolescent hospital care. In addition, the Essential Shared Capabilities for Practitioners working across sectors with Children and Young People will be available in May and includes specific scenarios relating to adolescents and the values and attitudes related to the specific needs especially in respect to consent decision making and Children and Young People's rights. We would welcome the opportunity to further develop the ESCs with an emphasis on transition and hospital care as required.