



Experienced Nurse Network



## EXPERIENCED NURSE NETWORK (ENN)

Our Experienced Nurse Network (ENN) was a pilot service developed in 2020 in response to requests from GP practices to support them with their nursing needs. Due to its success and growing popularity, this became a mainstream service during 2021.

As of March 2022, we had **16 nurses** in our Experienced Nurse Network – a growth of 78% since the same time last year, when we had 9 nurses in the network.

During this year, our experienced nurses supported **17 practices** from across Bolton. This is more than double the previous year, where we supported 8 practices.

Our nurses provided over **1,000 hours** of supporting practices with recruitment gaps and covering for holidays, sick leave, and whilst staff are on training programmes. The nurses have provided:

- General Practice Nurse cover
- Cervical smears
- Child immunisations
- Flu vaccinations
- Covid-19 vaccinations

Month	Number of hours
April	107
May	92
June	59.5
July	78
August	69
September	92
October	127.5
November	117
December	40
January	62.5
February	61.5
March	118.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,024.5</b>



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### ENN Cervical Cytology Mentorship

This year we introduced cervical cytology mentorship as part of our ENN service. This involved three of our very experienced nurses, who are Cervical Cytology Mentors, being allocated to new cervical cytology trainees. Previously, practices had been unable to secure mentors themselves and were keen to utilise this service provided by the ENN team as it gave them and the trainees the flexibility needed to access mentors during hours that were convenient.

During 2021–22 we:

- supported two practices with the cytology service
- provided two smear mentors to practices
- signed off one mentor who completed their final assessment.