

Our services

Experienced Nurse Network

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

During 2023-24, our nurse network, made up of **11 nurses**, covered sessions in **10 practices** from across Bolton, providing over **537 hours** that supported with recruitment gaps and covering for holidays, sick leave, and whilst staff were on training programmes. The nurses provided:

The services we offered to patients through 2023-24 were:

- Smear clinics
- Immunisation and vaccinations
- Chronic Disease Reviews, e.g. asthma, COPD, diabetes, chronic kidney disease, heart failure,
- Learning disability reviews
- Mental health reviews
- Travel health
- Flu vaccinations
- COVID19 vaccinations

Month 2023/24	Number of nursing hours provided	Number of practices supported
April	74.5	2
May	88	3
June	70.5	3
July	39.5	4
August	49	3
September	35	3
October	48.5	5
November	18	4
December	9	3
January	23	4
February	31.5	5
March	50.5	6



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This year, our ENN nurses continued to support 'new to practice' nurses with their cervical cytology mentorship.

Following feedback from some practices that they had been unable to secure mentors and assessors themselves, our ENN Smear Assessor was able to step up and sign off several nurses on the cytology training. This gave practices and the trainees the flexibility needed to access mentors during hours that were convenient. During 2023-24 we:

- supported two practices with the cytology service
- provided two smear mentors to practices
- signed off four nurses on their final assessment.



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