

National Management Network

The National Management Network is a joint development initiated by the Department of Health and the Institute of Healthcare Management (IHM), which is supported by NHS South Central locally. It is for managers and leaders across health and social care, primary and secondary care, voluntary and private sectors and anyone who manages in a health-related role.

The Network comprises a range of feeder networks across the UK – of which the South Central Management Network is one. It is open to all managers, and so far over 345 managers have registered as participants throughout the South Central area. It was launched in November 2006, and in response to comments that it is valuable to hold meet locally, learning network meetings are now usually held every three months in four separate locations – in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire and Oxfordshire. Recent subjects have included mentoring, change management, the Leadership Qualities Framework, role transition and the first 100 days. The meetings supplement email contact with participants about resources and events, and a designated website is being planned.

The Management Network's purpose is not only to provide network participants with access to others from a variety of healthcare backgrounds, but also to:

- Provide high personal value from these connections which can often be outside of existing healthcare areas through learning events and continuing professional development (CPD)
- Respond and adapt to network participants' changing healthcare management needs and behaviours
- Discuss ways in which certain healthcare management issues are tackled - what went well, what went not so well and what would be repeated if done again
- Keep ahead of the trends and predict future issues that give network participants a 'knowledge edge' of new ideas and initiatives.

The Management Network can be used in a wide variety of ways by managers either as a stand-alone support for individuals, or in conjunction with other learning methods and networks already provided in their own local area or organisation.

Anyone can join the Management Network - you don't have to be a member of the IHM - and it is FREE! You get access to a wide range of e-learning material as well, to help you acquire the skills and knowledge you need quickly, easily and at a pace that suits you without attending classes.

If you would like to register, or if you wish to have further information, please contact John Hunt: john.hunt@southcentral.nhs.uk