NESC has developed an engaging and informative e-learning programme on the compatibility of injectable medicines.

Injecting medicines is a high risk area of clinical practice, about which Medicines Information staff across NHS South Central receive many requests for help, especially from nurses. It is a discrete, practical topic which lends itself well to a blend of interactive online learning and hands-on IV training. Having discovered that there is no other e-learning available in this area, NESC decided it was a good choice for testing a ‘do it once, do it well, and share’ approach to e-learning.

Alison Wright managed the development of the programme, which is targeted mainly at nurses. Dr Simon Wills (Head of Medicines Information, Southampton University Hospitals NHS Trust) authored the content, and the South Central IV Trainers Panel thoroughly tested - and very positively evaluated – the end product.

The programme is freely available to all NHS organisations, it can be accessed online via the NESC E-learning Centre [http://www.learning.nesc.nhs.uk](http://www.learning.nesc.nhs.uk).

The SCORM-compliant programme is also available for download from the national e-learning object repository which in turn you can load into your own organisational learning environments if you wish.

For more information, please contact Alison Wright.

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**The 4th NESC e-Learning Event**

NESC held their fourth e-learning event in Newbury on 26th March 2009. The event was attended by over 30 representatives from Trusts, PCTs, HEIs and NESC. A wide range of job roles were represented including Heads of Learning & Development, IT Training Managers, E-learning leads and Clinical Educators. The focus of the event was sharing and collaborative working.

The full summary with accompanying presentations and screencasts are now available online:

[http://www.nesc.nhs.uk/e-learning__libraries/e-learning/events.aspx](http://www.nesc.nhs.uk/e-learning__libraries/e-learning/events.aspx)
Training available for OLM E-learning

NESC have purchased a number of places on the OLM E-learning training course run by McKesson. A maximum of two places are available per organisation. We would encourage you to consider sending someone from both Learning & Development and IT Training. The course takes place in London, travel expenses are not included.

This one day course will help participants to gain an in depth knowledge of how e-Learning Content area can be maintained within OLM. Participants will acquire the skills and knowledge needed to use the e-Learning functionality within the workplace and understand how learners will access new e-Learning content.

If you are interested in a place, please email Alison Wright.

National Learning Management System update

NHS Connecting for Health is now encouraging implementation of the NLMS for IT Training. In conjunction with the Chief Information Officer at the SHA, ETD leads and the central ESR team, NESC have responded to this call by co-ordinating a group to establish join-up between the ETD and Learning & Development implementations of the system. An OLM/NLMS workshop event will take place in June to increase awareness of the system amongst the ETD community.

Raising SRs and reporting content issues
There are a number of useful support documents regarding the NLMS available via KBASE. The most recent is a document outlining the process for reporting issues concerning the content itself: http://esr.knowledgebasesolutions.com/default.asp?id=3062&SID={93232027-43BA-4303-BB89-2F5DAFA8BDD7}&Lang=1

E-learning for Healthcare—18 week patient pathway

The 18 Week Patient Pathway e-learning has been developed by the Department of Health 18 Week Workforce and the South West Strategic Health Authority in partnership with e-Learning for Healthcare (e-LfH).

The e-learning sessions are designed to deliver the basic knowledge and understanding of the 18 Week Patient Pathway to a variety of staff, including booking clerks, clinical coders, clinicians and commissioners, working across a wide range of organisations.

To access the programme please open the following link: http://reception.e-lfh.org.uk/18wk
Rubicon arrives!

The NHS Core Learning Unit (CLU) has recently launched their new Managed Learning Environment (MLE) called Rubicon. The website address remains the same [http://www.corelearningunit.nhs.uk](http://www.corelearningunit.nhs.uk) (and [http://care.corelearningunit.nhs.uk](http://care.corelearningunit.nhs.uk) for social care staff).

You may wish to take some time to familiarise yourself with the new interface.

If you have any questions about the site, please contact the CLU support desk on 0845 3306507 or by email clpu@skillsforhealth.org.uk

New CLU programmes

The pilot for the NHS Core Learning Unit (CLU) Public Health Awareness e-learning programme has completed. Feedback from participants has been very positive. The programme will be made available on both the NHS and Social Care platforms towards the end of April.

The CLU’s e-learning modules on Preventing Healthcare Associated Infections Associated with Short and Long Term Catheters are now available. A free seminar is being held 13 May introducing the programmes. To book a place please contact Robin Beck robin.s.beck@gmail.com

CLU programme revisions

Three of the CLU’s [statutory and mandatory training e-learning packages](#), Health and Safety, Manual Handling and Fire Safety Awareness, have now reached their two yearly update point.

The Expert Reference Group (ERG) for each programme has discussed policy and guidance changes and made various recommendations. The programmes are still legal as they stand, but the updates requested by the ERGs are currently being incorporated into the new versions. The first to be re-released will be the Fire Safety Awareness programme.

The programmes have also been subject to a technical review, and the new versions will be graphically and stylistically very different, whilst still conforming to the accessibility policy of the NHS Core Learning Unit.

And for the first time a degree of localisation will be possible, with Trusts able to post their own policies and procedures at the end of programmes!
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**Acronym buster!**

CFH – NHS Connecting for Health  
ESR – Electronic Staff Record  
ETD – Education, Training and Development (related to IT skills training)  
HEI – Higher Education Institution  
IHM – Institute for Healthcare Management  
NESC – NHS Education South Central  
NLMS – National Learning Management System  
OLM – Oracle Learning Management  
SCORM – Sharable Content Object Reference Model  
SHA – Strategic Health Authority  
SR – Service Request