

Community of Practice Chair - Expression of Interest Neurology

Purpose and context:

To deliver equitable access to the NHS Genomic Medicine Service to all eligible patients, we must develop the capability of the mainstream multiprofessional workforce in many specialities and clinical pathways across our region. Communities of Practice will give clinical specialities a regular space to develop skills, share learning and embed genomics into routine care. The focus is on education, upskilling, and shared learning; using real examples and evolving guidance to help embed genomics into routine care. Communities of Practice can provide a scalable and systematic solution to education and training provision for genomic mainstreaming.

Communities of Practice form part of our new long term strategy and will sit across all our GMS functions to embed real-world practice change. These CoPs will feed into our clinical senate.

NHS South East Genomic Medicine Service has successfully piloted two pan-regional Communities of Practice in cardiology and renal medicine. We are now aiming to extend this approach to additional clinical areas and are seeking expressions of interest from those interested in providing clinical leadership in their area of practice/interest. Support and guidance will be provided by the South East Genomic Medicine Service (see below).

The Role:

Speciality: Neurology

Time commitment: 0.5 PAs

Length of commitment: 12 months

Reporting to: Rare Disease Clinical Directors

**We will be hosting an online Q&A session on Monday 7th September at 2:30pm
Applications to be submitted by 23:59 on Friday 11th September 2026**

We are looking for a specialist in Neurology to set up and chair our new Community of Practice for 12 months.

Applications are welcome from specialists in their field who have an interest in supporting the mainstreaming of genetic tests and bringing together clinicians, HCPs and non-genetic specialists.

The application must clearly outline how you will:

- Bring together and build a community that includes relevant individuals from across the entire South East region
- Demonstrate how community of practice sessions are delivering meaningful outputs and change to clinical practice
- Work with the South East GMS Programme team to deliver the Community of Practice and ensure its sustainability beyond your tenure as Chair

Date of submission	
Community of Practice (CoP) speciality	
Test Codes	Please provide the range of test codes from the National Genomic Test Directory that your CoP will focus on:
CoP Leadership (including contact details)	<i>Name:</i> <i>Role:</i>

	<i>Trust: Contact Details:</i>
What networks are you already part of that you will use to support the development of this CoP?	<i>List any professional networks or groups that you could tap into, to build this community</i>
Outline your approach to growing and sustaining this community for the purpose of mainstreaming	<i>(max 100 words)</i>

GMS commitments	• A set up framework, resources and educational topic menu will be provided to support you and to ensure continuity across CoPs • Administrative support will be provided by the SE GMS and will include: ○ Mapping contacts for the specialty within the SE GMS region and maintaining an up-to-date distribution list, with your support and specialist contacts ○ Co-ordinating meeting invitations ○ Promotion of upcoming forums e.g. flyers, social media platforms ○ Recording the meetings ○ Setting up a workspace on the FutureNHS Collaboration Platform • Advice and guidance on regional and national resources available to support the CoP • Measuring the impact of the CoP, as detailed below • Ongoing support from the SE GMS Education and Training Lead • Provide mechanism to gather feedback from CoP members
Community of Practice Lead commitments	• Deliver bi-monthly pan-region virtual CoP sessions • Set the agenda for topics and speakers for each session in line with the CoP feedback loop framework, which may include: ○ Expert speakers ○ Case discussions ○ Updates and explanations to new testing, research, documents and guidelines ○ Opportunities for informal learning, skill sessions ○ Discussion on ethical issues ○ Patient stories ○ Links to Network of Excellence programme, where available • Facilitate sharing of best practice amongst the CoP peer group • Keeping the CoP Futures page up to date with resources • Collaboration with the Genomic Laboratory Hub (GLH) and Clinical Genetics services to support quality referrals and testing • Feed into, and represent the CoP, at the quarterly Clinical Senate • Work with the SE GMS to coordinate and facilitate the above
Resource	A total of £9,672 (based on 0.5 PAs per month for 12 months) is available to resource the CoP leadership commitments outlined above. Whilst funding has been based on Consultant PAs, applicants may utilise these funds flexibly due to the multiprofessional aspect of CoPs. When assigning the CoP, SE GMS will consider further additional funding for the development of GeNotes, Clinical Pathway Initiatives or e-learning modules.
Proposed outcome measures	The CoP is expected to deliver the following outcomes at the end of its 12 month cycle: • An increase in both the quality and quantity of test referrals, by increasing the capability of the identified workforce

- Equity of access across all trusts within the SE GMS region
- An increase in clinician reach for the specialty
- Consideration of the CoP sustainability beyond the SE GMS funding period

The GMS will measure this by:

- A baseline of contacts for the specialty, as per the attendance of the CoP and sign up to the SE GMS newsletter and other educational events
- Attendance at sessions by overall number and geographical spread across the region
- A review of testing activity and referral quality over the CoP period
- Issuing a standardised survey to identify learning requirements of the workforce and challenges to service implementation – results will be provided to the CoP Lead to inform speaker topics etc

Please submit completed forms to amy.sefton@nhs.net by 23:59 on Friday 11th September 2026
Interviews to be conducted w/c 14th September 2026

Applicants are invited to join an online Q&A session on Monday 7th September at 2:30pm for more information about the Communities of Practice. Please register your interest here: [Communities of Practice Q&A – Fill out form](#)