

# England's Genomics Education Programme for NHS Healthcare professionals

**Professor Sue Hill OBE** @CSOSue  
**Chief Scientific Officer for England**

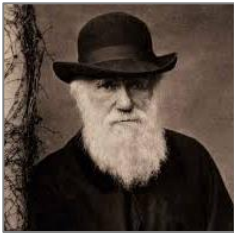


Developing people  
for health and  
healthcare

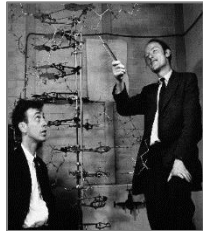
[www.hee.nhs.uk](http://www.hee.nhs.uk)

# Science & innovation provides the revolutionary change health needs

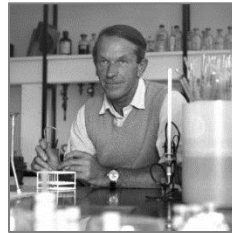
- Throughout its existence, the NHS has turned to scientific innovation to provide the step-change in practice required to keep pace with patient needs and service demands
- Genomics builds on the long history of discovery and advance in the UK



**1859: Darwin –  
Origin of Species**



**1951: Watson  
& Crick**



**1974: Sanger  
– DNA sequencing**



**1984: Alec Jeffreys –  
DNA fingerprinting**

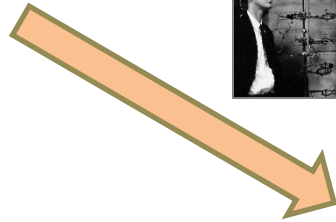


**1997: Dennis Lo –  
cfDNA NIPT**

**PLUS firsts in:**

- Diagnostic ultrasound
- CT scanning
- IVF & PGD

*UK has fostered more than twice as many Nobel prizes for Medicine & Physiology per capita than anywhere else in the world.*



The NHS has had specialist genetic labs since the 1960s, with Next Generation Sequencing capability & UK Genetic Testing network - sponsored by NHS England - coordinating role for approval of tests/panels

# Aims & principles of the 100,000 Genomes Project

In 2012 Prime Minister launches 100,000 Genomes Project made possible due to the decreasing cost of sequencing and developments in computational power and data analytics

*“By unlocking the power of DNA data, **the NHS will lead the global race** for better tests, better drugs and above all better care.*

**Major legacies for patients, the NHS and the UK economy by 2017**

Increased discovery of pathogenic variants leading to **new treatments, devices and diagnostics**

Accelerate uptake with advanced genomic medicine practice **integrated into the NHS**

Increase **public understanding & support** for genomic medicine

Stimulate and advance **UK life sciences** industry and commercial activity in genomics

## Key Principles

1. A focus on **rare inherited diseases** and **common cancers**
2. Patients to be **drawn from routine care** and **treated through routine channels**
3. All participants to provide a **fully informed consent providing for a wide range** of data and tissue capture and broad categories of use including research and industry
4. However **neither data nor tissues to go outside NHS-controlled ‘safe havens’** and all users to be properly authorised and monitored
5. A separate (*government owned*) company – Genomics England – formed to coordinate the project under an independent board, providing a **‘start-up’ mentality and drive**

**Whole genome sequencing is providing a step change in the NHS diagnostic repertoire**

# 100,000 Genomes Project - A coordinated response across England's health & care system

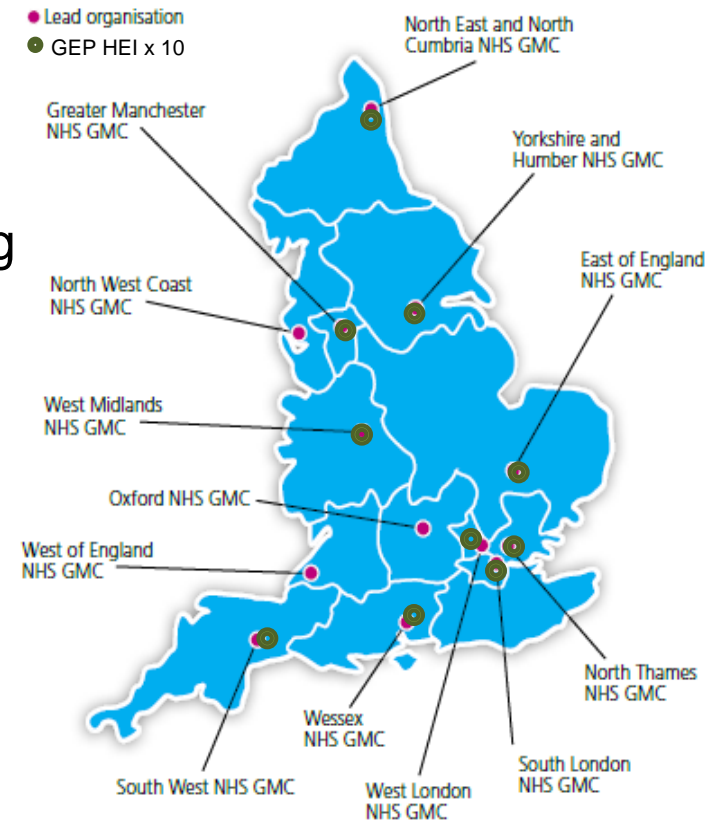


## Long-term vision for NHS

- Improving outcomes for patients via better, more precise diagnoses, particularly in cancer & rare disease
- Providing the foundation for an NHS Personalised Medicine Service

# Project delivery infrastructure

- Nationwide network of 13 NHS Genomic Medicine Centres – each lead organisation having partnerships with local hospitals as delivery partners
- National network of 10 universities providing staff training through HEE Genomics Education Programme
- Clinical Interpretation Partnerships (GeCIP) integrate with researchers to drive advance
- Genomics England coordinates national partners & initiatives:
  - National Sequencing Centre
  - Biorepository
  - Data centre
  - Interpretation partners
  - Industry & academic collaborations



Involvement of  
multiple clinical  
specialities in new  
MDTs

Capture of data from  
multiple systems  
against defined  
datasets and  
standards

Sample collection,  
processing & logistics  
to defined protocols &  
quality standards

Step change in  
analysis of  
information,  
validation &  
reporting

## Key roles of NHS GMCs

Return of results to  
participants & clinical  
care according to  
guidelines

Partnerships  
& networks  
working  
across  
geographies

Upskilling  
the NHS  
Workforce

Patient &  
Public  
Involvement

Transforming the  
NHS – improving  
outcomes &  
reducing variation



# How the elements of the Project fit together

**Oversight:**



Department of Health


**Funding:**







Participants



**13 NHS Genomic Medicine Centres working in a national network**

- Clinical samples and patient data ( diagnostic and clinical)
- Laboratory processing including molecular pathology
- Broad consent for research and re-contact
- Validation and feedback to participants/clinical teams


Biorepository



**biocentre**  
The centre for biomedical services



DNA & samples for multi-omics

Data




**Clinical Data**


Identifiable clinical data  
Longitudinal  
Linked to genomic data

**Existing Clinical Data**  
Cancer & RD registries, HES, Mortality data, etc



Health & Social Care Information Centre



Public Health England

Sequencing




**Research Data**

Deidentified  
GeCIP and industry partners work within data centre

**Data and Analysis Improvement**

- Annotation & QC
- Scientists/SMEs
- Product comparison

Fire wall

*Other countries of UK and other international collaborators working to specification set down by NHS England*





# Clinical interpretation - GeCIP

Partnerships between healthcare professionals, academia and charities  
39 different domains, 100+ subdomains

## Rare Disease (n=13)

- Cardiovascular
- Endocrine and Metabolism
- Gastroenterology and Hepatology
- Hearing and Sight
- Immunology and Haematology
- Inherited Cancer Predisposition
- Musculoskeletal
- Neurological
- Paediatric Sepsis
- Paediatrics
- Renal
- Respiratory
- Skin

## Cancer (n=15)

- Adult Glioma
- Breast
- Colorectal
- Upper GI
- Lung
- Melanoma
- Renal Cell & Bladder
- Sarcoma
- Testis
- Ovarian (incl endometrial)
- Prostate
- Childhood Solid Cancers
- Haematological Malignancy
- Pan Cancer
- (Ca of) Unknown primary

## Functional (n=11)

- Electronic Health Records
- Validation and Feedback
- Ethics and Social Science
- Functional Effects
- Health Economics
- Machine Learning, Quantitative Methods and Functional Genomics
- Population Genomics
- Enabling Rare Disease Translational Genomics via Advanced Analytics and International Interoperability
- Functional Cross Cutting
- Education and Training
- Stratified Medicine & Pharmacogenomics



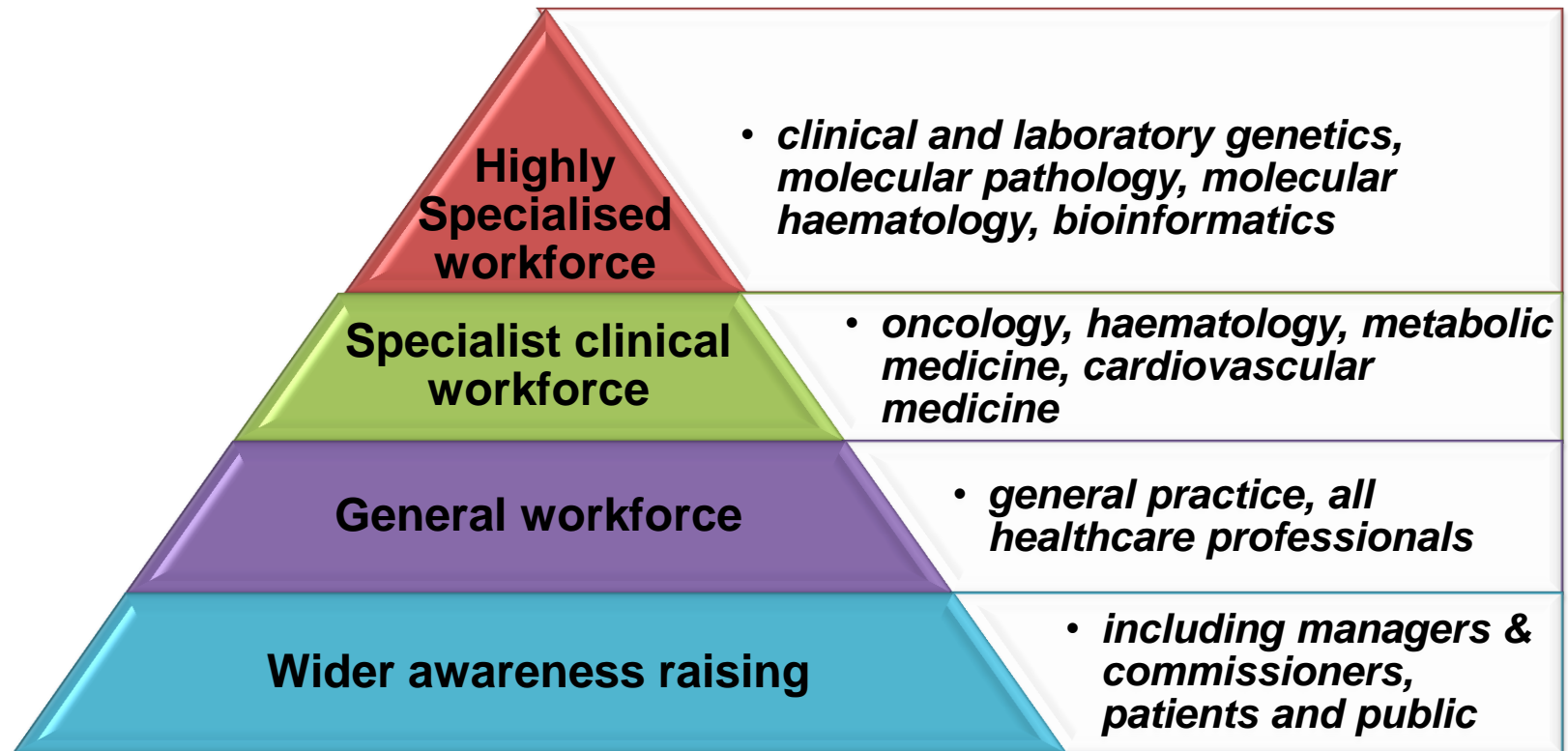
# HEE Genomics Education Programme

## Strategy and Aims

- Embed genomics into education: current & future healthcare workforce
- Integrate whole-genome sequencing (WGS) & functional genomics into mainstream care - benefit patients & the public
- Build capacity & capability - world-leading response to the genomic medicine revolution
- Legacy of the 100,000 Genomes Project – embedded in the healthcare system & wider economic contribution



# Supporting workforce transformation across the NHS



# Planning for the future

- The great challenge is to anticipate the mix of skills, experience and abilities that will be needed to deliver future services
- It takes >11-15 years to train to be a senior nurse, scientist or doctor – so we need to be planning now for 10-15 years' time
- Need to anticipate and prepare for what new technologies will emerge & what will be consigned to history – building the flexibility into individual's training to allow them respond to future developments
- Key aspect is to upskill existing staff to allow rapid harnessing of emergent technologies for patient benefit

# Mainstreaming genomic education & training

- As genomic medicine becomes a standard part of mainstream NHS practice, so the corresponding education and training will become integrated within the core planning and activity of HEE through its delivery structure
- The Genomics Education Programme exists to establish the systems, processes and core resources – but is time limited
- Programme activity involves close engagement with local education & training and their corresponding NHS GMC(s) to prepare to deliver this activity as part of their ongoing work

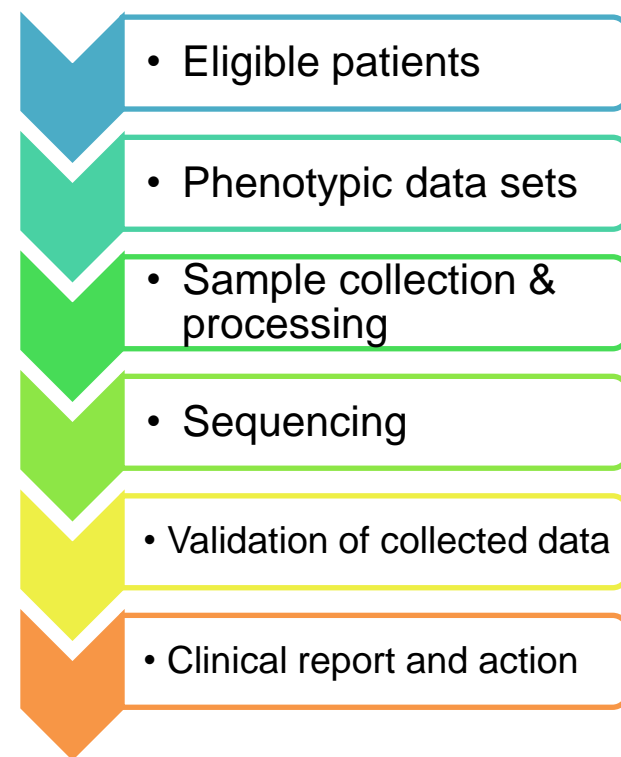
# Mind the gap...

- Key aspect of GEP is to identify interventions to address gaps in knowledge, skills and competencies for the delivery of current and future care
- Close working with professional bodies and organisations:
  - Council of Medical Deans - undergraduate medical curricula
  - Medical Royal Colleges (eg RC Physicians, RC General Practice) - Postgrad curricula and CPD
  - National School of Healthcare Science – all postgrad curricula have genomics element, all doctoral curricula have a specific genomic competence



# GEP resources to directly support the 100,000 Genomes project

- Bespoke multiprofessional online on-demand short courses tailored to give staff specific skills for each step of the project pathway
- Development follows the pipeline. Early courses include:
  - Consent conversation
  - Sample Processing
- In development:
  - Tumour Assessment Training Tool
  - Validation & Feedback
  - Data governance & security





# Building Capacity and Capability

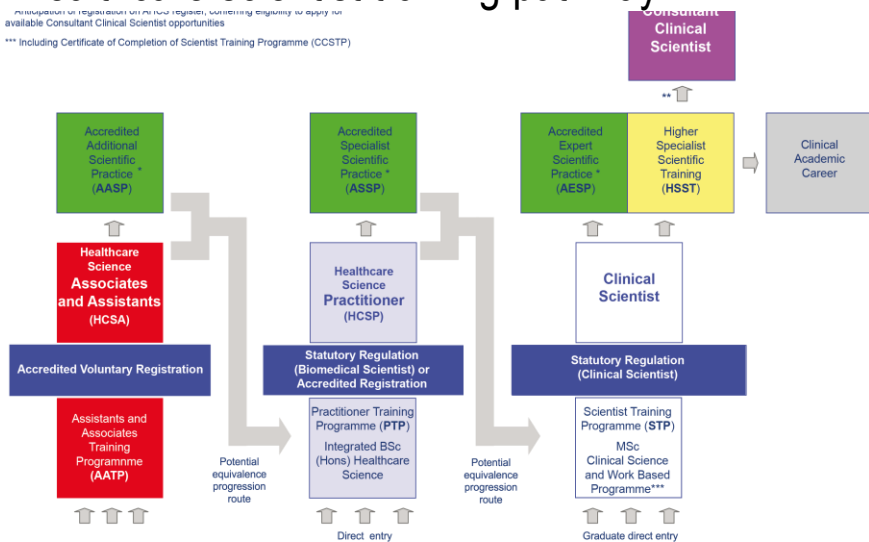
- New postgraduate curricula for Healthcare professionals
- Multiprofessional Master's in Genomic Medicine
- Pump priming additional training places
- **PLUS** Resource development to support the move to more Personalised Medicine across the NHS

# Capacity and Capability

## New Curricula for Healthcare Scientists

Aligned to national healthcare scientist training pathway

Participation in registration on the four registers, supporting employers to apply for available Consultant Clinical Scientist opportunities  
 \*\*\* Including Certificate of Completion of Scientist Training Programme (CCSTP)



Revised Feb 2015

### Clinical Scientists in Genomic Sciences

- Genomics (2016)
- Genomic Counselling (2016)
- Molecular Pathology (2017)

### Clinical Bioinformatics

- Genomics
- Physical Sciences
- Health informatics

# Clinical Bioinformatics

## Establishing a new profession

2013

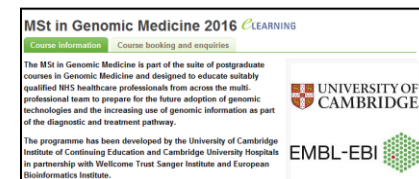
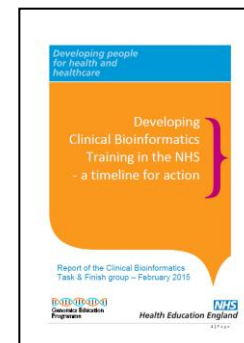
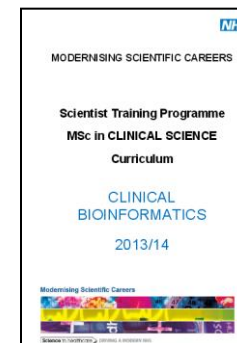
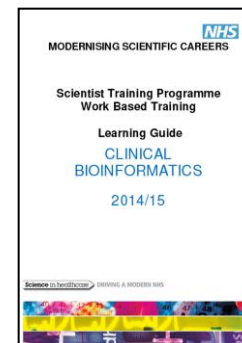
- Curriculum for STP training in Clinical Bioinformatics
- Competence based workplace training
- Academic Master's
- Three cohorts: first cohort of 8 trainees to exit in Sept 2016
- Registration with Health Care Professions Council
- Equivalence process established

2015

- Published HEE report on Developing Clinical Bioinformatics
- Developed Bioinformatics Modules in the national Genomic Medicine Master's

2016

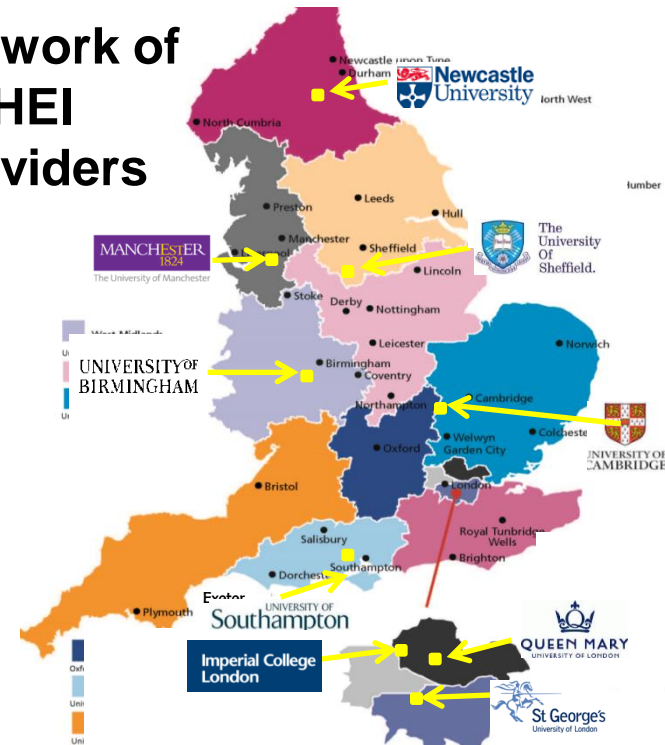
- Curriculum for HSST training in Clinical Bioinformatics
- Academic Doctoral level – HEI currently under procurement
- Competence workplace based assessment
- HEE GEP funded 12 places starting October 2016



# The Master's in Genomic Medicine

- Masters 550 funded places
- PGDip
- PGCert
- CPPD 900 funded places

## Network of 10 HEI providers



*“The Master’s will help prepare NHS staff for the future of genomics in contemporary healthcare”*

Applications for Master's and CPPD funding now open for 2016/17 start

Rate this item ★★★★★ (1 Vote)

Genomics study programme aimed at all NHS healthcare professionals in England



Health Education England's Genomics Education Programme (GEP) is now accepting applications for funded places on the Master's in Genomic Medicine course and individual continuing professional and personal development (CPPD) for the coming 2016/17 academic year.

[www.genomicseducation.hee.nhs.uk/genomicsmsc/](http://www.genomicseducation.hee.nhs.uk/genomicsmsc/)

# Providing modules to support staff across the breadth of genomic medicine

## Core Modules 15 credits

- An introduction to genomics
- Omics techniques and their application to medicine
- Genomics of common and rare disease
- Molecular pathology of cancer
- Pharmacogenetics and stratified healthcare
- Application of genomics to infectious disease
- Bioinformatics and interpretation
- Research dissertation (60 /30 credits)

## Optional Modules 15 credits

- Advanced bioinformatics
- Ethical legal and social (ELSI)
- Counselling skills for genomics
- Economic models and genomics
- Professional and research skills
- Epigenetics
- Work-based learning

# Reaching out across the professions

- GEP has developed a model with specialist diabetes nurses, with a network model for sharing genomic potential, knowledge and implications within a specialist clinical group.
- Looking to develop and roll out this model with other specialist groups
- Techniques and interventions for Nurses/ AHPs /Public Health will require further development to ensure relevance & effectiveness – Need to establish and set out the patient pathway so can determine ‘touch points’ for genomic technologies and competence requirements





# Tailored work for primary care

- Alongside multiprofessional work the GEP is specifically looking at the needs of more generalist groups such as primary care
- GEP has recruited a GP Adviser to lead on identifying the core genomic clinical activities and competencies required by primary care practitioners
- This will inform the development of the education and training resources specifically required to support this role across the specific professional groups (eg GPs, Physician Associates, Nurses)

# Education & Training GeCIP

**Key indicative functions (aims)**

- Oversight and coordination of HEE commissioned courses (including MSc programme)
- Embedding learning from 100K Genomes Project into mainstream education, training and workforce programmes
- Inform development of future cutting edge education and training
- Promote innovation in education and training and demonstrate its impact through pedagogic research

**Stakeholders and roles**

GMC EnT leads	GeCIP EnT leads	HEI representatives	Int'l expert networks	Industry internships	Programme alumni
Flexibility to train in current posts	Peer review and project supervision	Current experience and ability to feedback	Network to establish int'l programme of excellence	Internship and immersion in industry	Advocacy of genomic med programme

*Faculty of genomic medicine*

**Foundation to build on**

- Dynamic and collaborative environment of GeCIP
- Existing wealth of knowledge and experience within the education system
- Funding opportunities

# HEE

## HEE GEP

## GMC E+T leads network

## Education & Training GeCIP

## HEI provider network

- Support staff in GMCs to deliver 100kGP
- Increase workforce capacity and capability in genomic medicine and bioinformatics
- Funding Research and Innovation projects
- Legacy and transformation

- One lead in each GMC
- 13 Local HEE leads
- Support 100k GP + wider workforce development
- Sustainability and transformation

- Co-ordinating Group
- Education & Training leads from all 39 GeCIP domains
- Crucial to the Legacy
- International network
- Membership open to others via submission of online form

*([www.genomicsengland.co.uk/join-a-gecip-domain/](http://www.genomicsengland.co.uk/join-a-gecip-domain/))*

- Deliver the commissions for masters and CPPD
- Collaborate to maximise the benefits to the NHS & exploit institutional expertise
- Partnership with the NHS/GMCs to support research and excellence in genomic medicine

# Faculty in Genomics Medicine

- All professionals who complete GEP training will be brought together to form a Faculty of Genomic Medicine
- This will serve two key purposes:
  - forming a community of practice to build and maintain genomic knowledge
  - act as champions within the wider workforce to drive forward the mainstreaming of genomic technologies across the NHS

# Resource development and evaluation plans for the 100,000 Genomes Project

Resource	Mode of delivery	Assessment method	Evaluation outcomes
Eligibility wheels	Fact sheets (just-in-time) <i>GEP website</i>	None	Impact on practice (quantitative)
The consent conversation	E-learning (education) Asynchronous learning <i>GEP website</i>	Knowledge based (Formative)	Knowledge Impact on practice (mixed methods)
Tumour assessment tool	E-learning (training) <i>GEP website</i>	Competence based (Formative)	Knowledge and skills Impact on practice (mixed methods)
Sample preparation & DNA extraction	Video (training) <i>GEP website</i>	Reflection exercise	Knowledge and skills Impact on practice (mixed methods)
What is WGS	MOOC (education) Synchronous learning <i>FutureLearn platform</i>	Knowledge based (Formative) and Reflection exercise	Knowledge (mixed methods)

# Evaluation plans for the Masters in Genomic Medicine

## To ensure content is 'fit-for-purpose'

1. Student feedback via usual HEI channels
2. Educator feedback through formal meetings with the GEP
3. This information will inform review of curricula (1<sup>st</sup> review date Autumn 2016)
4. Implement any recommended (and appropriate) changes

*e.g. inclusion of 'clinical education' module as an optional module*

## To measure the impact of the Faculty of Genomic Medicine

Longitudinal study (using mixed methodology) to explore the:

1. Consolidation of the Faculty into a strong and effective community of practice
2. Role the Faculty have played in:
  - Awareness raising
  - Educational activities
  - Acting as a champion for their professional group
3. Impact of the Faculty on changing practice within the NHS




# Reflections on GEP progress

- **Importance of networks** in driving change - interpersonal contact and influence is key to penetration of knowledge through the workforce
- Central role of GEP in **fostering collaboration** between network members (providers or professionals) – pushing against the natural desire for autonomy
- Collaboration will have a crucial **international dimension**. England can't and won't deliver the best by working in isolation
- **Measuring/Assessing competence** – GEP training programmes are tools to help people achieve competence. Many are formative learning experience, rather than summative
- Key challenge is **predicting the future** in a fast moving area of disruptive change. Need to be constantly identifying gaps & analyzing possibilities.
- Education has to evolve alongside technologies – so **evaluation must be an ongoing process**. eg Postgraduate scientist qualification in Genetics had to be reviewed in <5 years as change in science had been so great
- **Curricula need to be flexible, adaptable and empowering** giving staff the skills to respond as technologies and services change

# Genomics Education Website

## A single repository for GEP work

Home | News | Online Courses | Taught Courses | Resources | About Us



**Genomics Education Programme**

The programme has been set up to ensure staff in the health and care system have the knowledge skills and experience to keep this country a world leader in genomic and precision medicine. [Read more](#)

### Latest News

**Healthcare Master's open evening**  
Written on Friday, 29 July 2016 15:24

**Genomics faculty symposium: travel bursaries available**  
Written on Wednesday, 27 July 2016 11:07

**Harnessing the benefits of genomic data**  
Written on Monday, 25 July 2016 12:34

**Funding applications for part-time MSc Genomic Medicine**  
Written on Wednesday, 20 July 2016 12:22



**Sign Up to Our Whole Genome Sequencing Course**



**Master's in Genomic Medicine (Fully Funded to NHS Staff)**



**Genomic Medicine Professional Development Modules**

[www.genomicseducation.hee.nhs.uk](http://www.genomicseducation.hee.nhs.uk)

### SHORT COURSES & RESOURCES

Total learner registrations **2,938** Month-on-month increase of **5%**

Total course completions

Consent & Ethics	Intro to Genomics	Intro to Bioinformatics
<b>475</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>307</b>

Awareness-raising films: total no. of views

Introducing Genomics in Healthcare: **12,419**

Rare disease: A family's journey: **4,244**

Rare disease: The GP's role: **1,088**

### WEBSITE

Visitors February 2016 **3,767** 4% are new visitors

Page views February 2016 **20,663**

Visitor demographics February 2016 (by no. of sessions)

77% are from the UK	9% are via the NHS network
31% via search	11% via social media

This has dropped by 2% since last month

Most popular pages February 2016 (by no. of pageviews)

1. Homepage: 2,840	4. Genomics course: 952
2. Courses page: 2,186	5. Consent course: 705
3. MSc main page: 1,279	6. Programmes page: 666

Top referrers February 2016 (by no. of sessions)

1. Google: 1,663	4. NGGEC: 447
2. Direct: 1,384	5. Genomics England: 251
3. Twitter: 605	6. GEP e-bulletin: 140

Note: Data collected up to 28 February 2016

# Additional Slides

# Health Education England - strategic role

HEE is one of the key national partners in the UK health and care system

It exists for one reason: to improve the quality of care delivered to patients. It ensures the workforce has the right skills, values and behaviours, in the right numbers, at the right time and in the right place.

## Key areas of HEE Activity

Workforce  
planning and  
commissioning

Attracting &  
recruiting

Developing the  
existing  
workforce

Hospitals,  
primary &  
community care

Research,  
learning and  
innovation

While the NHS is a more structured and integrated system than elsewhere in the world, the success of HEE's approaches is not through areas of direct control but through being recognised as an authoritative body that major stakeholders (eg Medical Royal Colleges) recognise and are influenced by.