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INTRODUCTION FROM THE DIRECTOR OF WORKFORCE & HR

As part of our “WORKING DIFFERENTLY PROGRAMME”, I am delighted to introduce this CD Rom to colleagues who are considering the introduction of Assistant Practitioners in Clinical Practice and the associated participation in the 2nd cohort of the CLHA Assistant Practitioner pilot programme.

The new Assistant Practitioner provides a higher level of support worker to assist Clinical Teams to provide patient centred care and supports the workforce modernisation required to meet the challenges of the new “Patient Centred NHS” .

Trainee Assistant Practitioners are already working in several organisations as part of the pilot project and the initiative has received positive endorsement from stakeholders including the SHA, Directors of HR, Network & Executive Nurses Forum, National AHP Networks and local practitioners.

The information provided in this package aims to assist you and your organisations. It has been developed by the Project team based on the learning from the development of the project to date.

We hope it will answer many of your queries as you prepare for the introduction of potential Assistant Practitioners in your organisations.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support in taking this work to it's next stage and I look forward to working with you as we advance this project.

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