



Training the Physician Associates of the future

Supporting the development of Physician Associates
across Kent, Surrey and Sussex

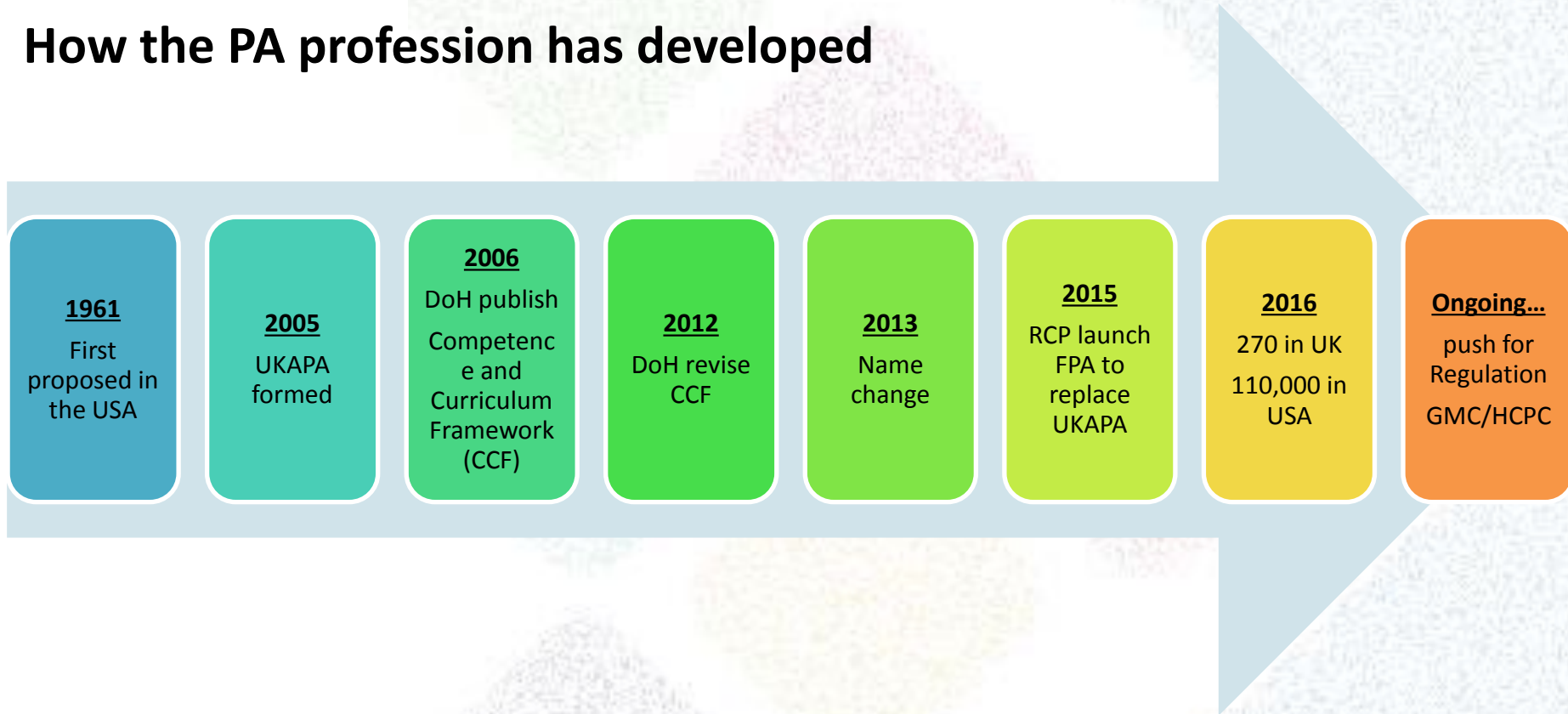
What is a Physician Associate?

A PA is a healthcare professional who is trained to the medical model and who works as part of a medical team to provide holistic medical care





How the PA profession has developed





What can PAs do?

- ◆ Take a focussed history
- ◆ Examine a patient
- ◆ Undertake/request appropriate diagnostic tests and investigations
- ◆ Interpret tests and investigations
- ◆ Formulate differential diagnoses
- ◆ Refer to other teams as required
- ◆ Suggest medications
- ◆ Compile a treatment and management plan

All with physician supervision



Training includes:

- ◆ Prescribe (pharmacology and therapeutics)
- ◆ IM/IV/O2 Therapy
- ◆ Request ionising radiation

unable to do
until
Regulation



Where do Qualified PAs work?

Adult Medical

- Cardiology
- Care of the Elderly
- Dermatology
- Endocrinology
- Gastroenterology
- General Internal Medicine
- Sexual Health
- Haematology
- Infectious Diseases
- Lymphoedema
- Psychiatry
- Rehabilitation Medicine
- Respiratory Medicine

General

- Educators
- Emergency Medicine
- General Practice
- Acute medical/clinical decision units

Paediatrics

- Critical Care
- General Paediatrics
- Paediatric Surgery

Surgical

- Breast Surgery
- Colorectal Surgery
- Neurosurgery
- Orthopaedic Surgery
- Otolaryngology
- Spinal Surgery
- Trauma and Orthopaedics
- Urology
- Vascular Surgery

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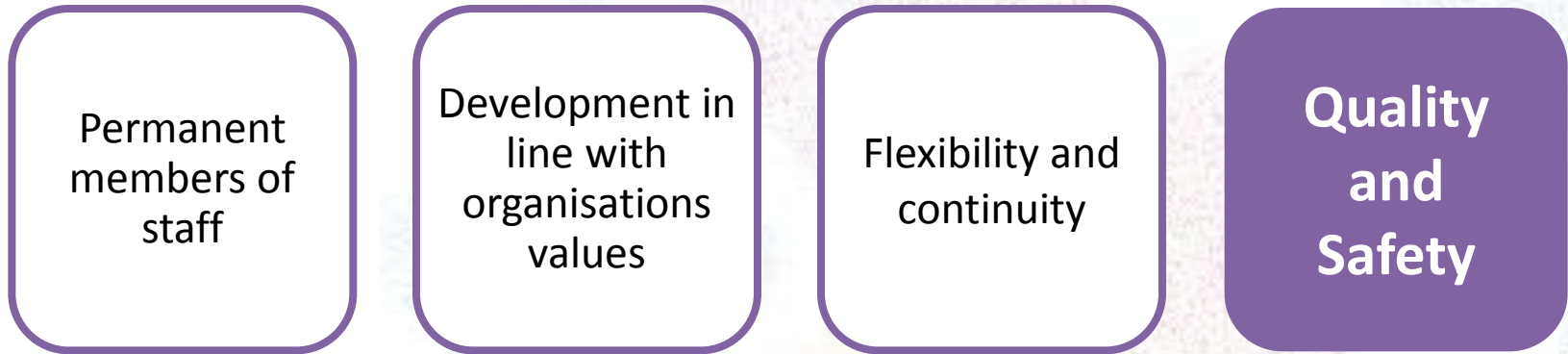


Qualified PAs in Primary Care

- ◆ ~25% of qualified PAs work in General Practice
- ◆ Mixture of pre-booked and on-the-day appointments
- ◆ No triaging by receptionist required
- ◆ Follow up of patients/continuity of care
- ◆ Appointment length dependent on experience of PA 10-30 minutes
- ◆ Often 15 min appts to allow for patient education time
- ◆ Assigned overall Clinical Supervisor (GP)
- ◆ Day to day supervision can be duty doctor/another GP
- ◆ Number of cases discussed decreases with experience
- ◆ Specialist clinics: e.g. Diabetes, COPD, Asthma, Anti-coagulation, minor ops, cryotherapy, smoking cessation, travel advice
- ◆ Indemnity: MPS, MDU & MDDUS is usually paid by the employer
- ◆ Home visits and OOH work



Why employ PAs?





PGDip/MSc Physician Associate Studies

Entry requirements - at least 2:2 in science based BSc

Masters level/intensive study

2 year full-time (45 weeks / year), MSc up to 3 years

1600+ hours – university based

1600+ hours – placement based in Hospital and GP

Courses now available at universities all over the country....

Brighton and Sussex Medical School
Canterbury Christ Church University
University of Surrey
Anglia Ruskin
Plymouth

Birmingham
St George's London
Leeds
Reading
Sheffield Hallam
Aberdeen

Wolverhampton
Worcester
Liverpool
Manchester
Central Lancashire
and Dublin



PA Education and Training

The Competence and Curriculum Framework (CCF)



Standards of education and practice, including:

- Core competencies
- Procedural skills
- Patient presentations
- Clinical conditions



National Exam

Upon completion of university course

200 single best answer and 14 station OSCE

Examined across range of specialities

Recertification

6 yearly cycle

200 single best answer examination

CPD

50 hours/year



GP placements

- ◆ During the introduction of the PA courses to Kent, Surrey and Sussex, clinical supervisors for PA students need to be GMC **educational/clinical supervisors** based at **training/CS practices**
- ◆ Supervision is **similar to that of medical students**, however the **role is different** and therefore a specific half day of mandatory **Induction to the PA program training** will be provided
- ◆ 1 day/week (****INSERT DAY WEDS/THURS**) Year 1
6 week block back in GP in Year 2 **INSERT DATES**
- ◆ **Each GP surgery** will have a **link lecturer at the university**, who can be contacted with any queries or concerns (****insert contact details**)



Student Supervision

- ◆ Named consultant/clinical supervisor with experience of supervising students
- ◆ PA specific training/orientation
- ◆ Informal “start of placement” review
- ◆ Variety of assessment methods- encourage MDT completion
- ◆ End of placement review with named supervisor
- ◆ Fitness to practice concerns relayed to HEI



What do we expect from you?

- ◆ First few weeks spent looking at **communication, history taking and clinical examination** skills as well as shadowing members of the MDT
- ◆ Then **moving on to own consultations**, presenting back to GP supervisor and GP review of the patient. As time progresses the student should be pushed to **provide differential diagnoses and a management plan**
- ◆ GPs can also organise for **interesting patients to come in for students** to speak to or to visit
- ◆ During the year there will be procedures which will need signing off by GP supervisor and other members of the MDT as part of the **portfolio of experience**



£££

◆ Course fees = £9,000/year

- Year 1 self funded
- Year 2 HEKSS bursary for tuition fees

◆ GP surgeries will receive £100/day per student for placements (2017/18)



Where can I get more information or support?

◆ Course / Student specific : contact your local University

Canterbury Christ Church/University of Kent – Sue Graham
Brighton and Sussex Medical School – Wesley Scott-Smith
University of Surrey – Jia Doulton

◆ General queries

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