

Primary Care Conference Day hosted by East Midlands Spinal Network

Friday 30 January 2026, 0830hrs – 1645hrs

Venue: Derby County Football Club, Royal Way, Derby DE24 8XL

08:30 –	Registration and Coffee
09:00	
09:00 –	Welcome and Opening Remarks
09:15	Michelle Emsley, EMSN Quality Service Improvement and Education Lead
09:15 –	Communication - Does what you say matter?
09:40	Paul Lewis, Advanced Practice Physiotherapist, University Hospitals of Leicester
09:40 –	Management of Spinal Fractures
10:00	Mr Harinder Gakhar, Consultant Spinal Surgeon, University Hospitals of Derby & Burton
10:05 –	Spinal Infections – Early recognition
10:25	Mr Zakk Borton, Senior Fellow in Spinal Oncology, Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, Birmingham
10:25 –	COFFEE BREAK AND NETWORKING
10:45	
	Managing Spinal pain in Pain Services
10:45 –	Mags Wigram, Advanced Practice Physiotherapist, Primary Integrated Community Services
11:10	Fiona Blackwell, Advanced Practice Physiotherapist, Primary Integrated Community Services
11:10 –	Civility in Medicine
11:30	Dr Susie Bayley – GP & Medical Director, Hub+ Derbyshire
11:30 –	GIRFT Updates
12:00	Mr Mike Hutton, Consultant Spinal Surgeon & National Lead for Spinal Services
12:00 –	Community Assessment Days / Super Clinics
12:30	Clare Stapleton, Operational Lead for Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy & MSK Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Foundation Trust
12:30 –	Questions and Close of Morning Session
12.40	Michelle Emsley, EMSN Quality Service Improvement and Education Lead

12:40 –	LUNCH AND NETWORKING
13:40	
13:40 –	Break Out Session - MRI Interpretation and Spinal Objective Examination
14:10	Dr Siddharth Thaker, Consultant MSK Radiologist, University Hospitals of Leicester Mr Dan D’Aquino, Consultant Spinal Surgeon, Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust
14:10 –	Managing Risk in a Clinical Setting
14:30	Rosie Charlton, Senior Associate Solicitor and Julianne Moore, Partner, Irwin Mitchell
14:30 –	Vascular Presentations in the Cervical Spine
15:00	Prof Roger Kerry, Professor of Physiotherapy Education, University of Nottingham
15:00 –	Neurology Conditions Early Recognition and When to Refer
15:20	Dr Gill Sare, Consultant Neurologist, Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust
15:20 –	COFFEE BREAK AND NETWORKING
15:40	
15:40 –	Rapid 5 Case Studies
16:10	Baljit Kaur, APP, Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Foundation Trust Luke Ferreira, ACP, MSK Together Partnership Mid-Nottinghamshire Emma Ivmey, MSK FCP, Lincolnshire Community Health Services NHS Trust Cheralynne Todd, APP, University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust Gurpreet Singh, FCP, Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
16:10 –	Scoliosis Awareness Update
16:25	Michelle Emsley, EMSN Quality Service Improvement and Education Lead
16:25 –	Expert Panel and Closing Remarks
16:45	
16:45	Finish

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