Using Near Me to Increase Digital Capability and Capacity in Educational Programmes

Near Me Me

Near Me is the national video consulting service which enables health and public services to offer patients and clients the choice of attending their appointment by video. Near Me is used widely with 33,000 consultations being made every month.

- 2000 active clinics / services
- 2.15 millions consults to date
- 12.5k active service providers
- 100 participating organisations
- 70 million miles of travel saved
- 11k group consultation
- 51k group participants

Near Me is also supporting the development of digital capabilities in both undergraduate & postgraduate education. It provides students and trainees the opportunity to observe, participate in and lead 'authentic clinical conversations' with patients via video.

Aberdeen Medical School delivers novel teaching with third-year medical students. With their GP tutor in a University building, they remotely join a GP and their patient in the Practice via Near Me. This enables the students to not just observe a live consultation but to actively participate. The set up enables effective learning in a secure and supported environment. Travel is saved and the number of students who can participate and learn in the consultation increases. For more information see GP Near Me Poster

Allied Health Professionals

Physiotherapy students at **Edinburgh Napier University** develop video consulting skills through role play and the use of volunteer patients. Using Near Me they role play as both callers and clinicians. They then apply these skills during video consultations with volunteer patients. This is followed by reflection and feedback from lecturers and the volunteer patients.

" Physiotherapy students report an increase in digital competence and feel confident. "
Lecturer

" Definitely one of the highlights of the year in terms of in person teaching "
Student

" Safe, resilient and cost-effective consultation teaching session. "
Lecturer

Near Me is used in several ways across a variety of pre-registration health and social care courses.

To find out more information see our Near Me to support student learning website

How can we help?

☑ Near Me is easy to set up and use. Visit our "Getting Started" webpage for a step-by-step guide.

☑ National information governance and data protection documentation is available to support local implementation.

☑ Training and technical help is available from the National VC Support team vc.support@nhs.scot or Near Me Training

For more information

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🌐 **Near Me Website**