

## The new GCP Consolidation session

This briefing paper has been put together to provide an update on the GCP Introduction Consolidation session and to confirm the plan to launch this nationally.

### The current picture with GCP

Prior to the pandemic around 7000 learners undertook face to face training with our experienced facilitators. During Covid 19 all face to face training was paused and since this point over 99% GCP learning is delivered through our elearning. There has also been a huge growth in remotely delivered classroom sessions. Further information regarding learner experience can be seen in the NIHR Learn annual report. [NIHR Learn Annual Report 2022/23](#)

The numbers of Research Delivery Staff seeking face to face sessions for GCP Education no longer merit the resources to maintain a stand-alone face to face programme. However feedback and discussions tell us that classroom/facilitated sessions still provide a crucial opportunity to build understanding, provide tailored knowledge and work through real life scenarios with peers. Hence we are progressing the launch of facilitator-led GCP Consolidation sessions.

### What will the GCP Consolidation session provide;

- To help consolidate knowledge acquired from the elearning
- To use the expertise of the GCP facilitators
- To signpost to local information which is vital for delivery staff
- An opportunity to continue professional development
- Chance for learners to ask questions.

This has been developed collaboratively and agreed nationally with network GCP representatives. This session has been created with the support of the MHRA.

**Aim of this session:** A practical workshop designed to allow learners to explore and apply the knowledge they have gained from the GCP elearning course with the support of experienced GCP facilitators. This is a practical half a day workshop (either face to face or virtual facilitator led - LCRN led).

**Pre-requisites:** Completion of online GCP elearning in the past 6 months

### Pilot results

The session has been piloted with great success. Delegates particularly liked the opportunity to '*fill in grey areas*' with the help of a facilitator. 90% of attendees stated they would recommend this session, the remaining 10% said they would possibly recommend this training. We are currently using this feedback to further refine recruitment and advertising of this follow on course for the GCP Introduction elearning.

**It is planned that the GCP Consolidation session will be available for LCRNs to utilise from June 2023. This will be supported by nationally agreed resources.**

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