Creating a Northern Strategy for Interprofessional Education (IPE)

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"The Northern Strategy for IPE provides a cohesive framework to strengthen collaboration, enhance education quality, and prepare a workforce ready for integrated care."



Background

Context:

Emphasis on IPE to prepare the future workforce for collaborative healthcare delivery

Need:

Despite shared goals, IPE delivery across North East England has been inconsistent and fragmented

Aim:

To co-develop a unified regional strategy for IPE aligned with NHS priorities and regional workforce needs

Objectives

- Co-develop a regional strategy for IPE
- Foster a collaborative learning environment across institutions
- Align with NHS workforce and education priorities

Methodology

A multi-institution consultation event was facilitated involving university and healthcare stakeholders

Data collection: facilitated workshops, group discussions and subsequent thematic analysis.

Structured around five foundational pillars:

- Regional collaboration
- Leadership and governance
- Faculty development
- Research and evaluation
- Quality assurance

Next steps

The Northern IPE Regional Group aims to:

- Support a unified and sustainable approach to IPE
- Promote innovation and shared learning in health and social care education
- Develop educator skills and capacity
- Develop shared resources and toolkits
- Expand engagement to include NHS partners and students
- Promote research and evaluation, through the development of research working groups