**Staff Network pages**

[Staff Networks intranet](http://intranet.lothian.scot.nhs.uk/StaffRoom/StaffNetworks/Pages/default.aspx)

[Staff Networks NHSL public site](https://staff.nhslothian.scot/StaffNetworks/Pages/default.aspx)

**Let’s Talk About Race**

In early August, the BME Network kicked off the Let’s Talk About… series with three one-hour panel discussions about race, with questions posed anonymously prior to the sessions. The sessions were well-received, and we’ll be publishing a piece on them on the intranet for Black History Month. If you would like to hold a similar session for your team, department or site, please email the network inbox; I’ll post the address in the chat (loth.bmenetwork@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk).

The other networks will produce similar sessions in the series later in the year and throughout 2023.

**Black History Month**

October is Black History Month and the BME network will be celebrating in several ways. One of these is highlighting BME staff in Lothian. We’ll be asking a few members of staff to record themselves giving us their name and department, where they’re from, and their contribution to NHS Lothian. If you know a member of staff who you think should be highlighted, please have them get in touch via the network inbox at loth.bmenetwork@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk. Updates on further activities will be on the network page on the intranet.

**Staff Network Lunch & Learn**

On Tuesday 20 September, SJ Wyatt will join us to discuss Bi+ Visibility in the Workplace ([Teams](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3Ameeting_MzdlNmYzZGUtNjY2My00NzM3LWI1ZjYtYjg5YTcwZWI0YmU5%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2210efe0bd-a030-4bca-809c-b5e6745e499a%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22ff9704e1-2e41-48bd-b00d-7a42625d6eec%22%7d), MEC Seminar Room 2, WGH).

The October sessions will both focus on Black History Month. On 4th October, Dr Ish Thethy and Dr Edwin Jesudason will speak ([Teams](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3Ameeting_ZGZlNWEzYTgtNGRiMS00YjBmLTkzZjUtMjI1YjliNDY1NjVl%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2210efe0bd-a030-4bca-809c-b5e6745e499a%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22ff9704e1-2e41-48bd-b00d-7a42625d6eec%22%7d) or Craigmillar room, Postgrad Centre, RIE). Our speaker for 17th October is TBC ([Teams](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3Ameeting_OWE0MTQwODUtN2ViZi00MGE0LTk0NzEtZDc3YTY1Mjc3N2Qy%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2210efe0bd-a030-4bca-809c-b5e6745e499a%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22ff9704e1-2e41-48bd-b00d-7a42625d6eec%22%7d); Seminar Room 2, Medical Education Centre, WGH; or Craigmillar room, Postgrad Centre, RIE).

Further dates and videos from previous sessions can be found on the [Lunch & Learn page](http://intranet.lothian.scot.nhs.uk/StaffRoom/StaffNetworks/Pages/LunchLearn.aspx) on the intranet.

**Staff Networks – upcoming meetings:**

**BME Network** – Monday 5 December, 16.00-17.30

Anyone with an interest in the work of the BME Network is encouraged to join.

Sign up to the mailing list to receive updates, and join the meeting [here](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3Ameeting_YTA3Y2IyMjAtNjkzMi00NTg2LWJlZTgtODUxYWVmNmMyYjg3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2210efe0bd-a030-4bca-809c-b5e6745e499a%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22404b03ea-f3f5-4716-9336-204d5864aa7b%22%7d). All meeting dates for 2022 are on our [intranet page](http://intranet.lothian.scot.nhs.uk/StaffRoom/StaffNetworks/BMEStaffNetwork/Pages/default.aspx).

Contact: loth.bmenetwork@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk

**Carers’ Network** – Monday 3 October, 12.30-13.30

Anyone who has a caring role for a family member or friend can join the Carers’ network.

Contact: Carers@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk

**Disabled Employee Network (DEN)** – Thursday 29 September, 18.00-19.00

DEN meetings are open to NHS Lothian staff who self-identify as neurodivergent or as having a disability, either visible or invisible, regardless of whether you have made this known to your line manager. Contact us to be added to the mailing list to receive meeting links and updates.

Contact: DisabilityNetwork@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk

**LGBT+ Staff & Allies Network** – Wednesday 28 Sept, 18.00, The Auld Hoose

We also have an informal catch-up the last Thursday of every month at 12.30 in our Teams channel.

We welcome all NHS Lothian staff who identify as LGBT+ and anyone who has a positive interest in LGBT+ matters.

Contact: LGBTStaff@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk or join the [Teams channel](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/team/19%3AeI6k209DpXZJFpd8GXd78EdHz5ToO8Uwy7pyQAoCb9s1%40thread.tacv2/conversations?groupId=4e0d9f8e-dbbd-4426-99a2-565f42bf638d&tenantId=10efe0bd-a030-4bca-809c-b5e6745e499a)

**Youth Network** – Wednesday 21 September, 12.00-13.30 on [Teams](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/ap/t-59584e83/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fteams.microsoft.com%2Fl%2Fmeetup-join%2F19%253ameeting_NjY3ZThmMDMtNTE1OS00OGI5LWI0MDItYjIwMWM1OTg5ZjJk%2540thread.v2%2F0%3Fcontext%3D%257b%2522Tid%2522%253a%252210efe0bd-a030-4bca-809c-b5e6745e499a%2522%252c%2522Oid%2522%253a%25223516eda3-c139-4fef-b429-c51532035d29%2522%257d&data=05%7C01%7CRachel.Hallows%40nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk%7Cf6bc793bb1b04719176608da3ccc1a10%7C10efe0bda0304bca809cb5e6745e499a%7C0%7C0%7C637889144545299546%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Fs2fnzLHjyCG8TNxyFoqj6H2mBP86TlHP14USpJBBKo%3D&reserved=0)

The Youth network is primarily aimed at young NHS Lothian staff, but we have no fixed age limit and we welcome anyone with a positive interest in our ambitions.

Contact: YouthNetwork@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk