

****Simulation-based education framework released****

Health Education England (HEE) has released a national framework for the delivery of simulation-based education (SBE) across England.

SBE is an educational tool, or technique that has a long history of use in healthcare, as well as other industries. Its popularity continues to grow, because it offers an experience that is as close to reality as possible for learners to increase their knowledge, team working abilities and confidence, without any risk of harm to patients. In this way, it can serve to improve both patient safety and patient and learner experience.

HEE recognised that a cohesive approach was necessary to harness the benefits of SBE for learners, encouraging equity of access across the professions and reflecting the way healthcare is delivered.

Working with leading healthcare experts in SBE, HEE has developed a framework that, through its supporting guidance and advice, will provide this cohesive approach for first class SBE that is nationally guided, but locally led and delivered.

The framework will support sharing and collaboration, whilst at the same time encouraging innovation, ultimately producing a strategic approach that will uphold the HEE strategic vision.

HEE is keen that the framework is shared widely throughout health and social care. Likewise, the central team would like to encourage engagement and feedback, so that the framework becomes a living tool that is shaped by the needs of patients and learners alike.

Dr Mehengerise Cooper, Lead for Simulation, London School of Paediatrics said: "It's wonderful that all this work is being done and the framework is being produced. I have been working in simulation training for paediatric trainees since 2005 and have seen so much change over this time. Important areas of focus are:

As seen with our London School of Paediatrics on the Sim Faculty Development Programme, development of a sustained faculty that utilises their experience in TEL, as well as in education and de-briefing, which will prove beneficial to simulation

Accreditation and sustained and supported quality assurance of individuals, which will be key to the success of the framework."

The [SBE framework](#) is accompanied by a suite of films that provide a background to its development. These films also offer greater insight into the many benefits of simulation-based education, in all its diverse forms, along with examples of how it works in practice.

To provide feedback and for more information about the simulation-based education framework please email tel@hee.nhs.uk.