

# Practice Development Network for AHPs

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## Welcome to Claire Tester, AHP Professional Officer, NHS QIS

I am delighted to be working at NHS QIS as AHP Practice Development Officer. I firmly believe in supporting practitioners to develop practice. This is especially important now in light of the different changes which impact upon us all – policy, health board targets, to be resource effective, to incorporate evidence into practice, and needing to provide evidence of our own effectiveness in practice.

My recent work at the Scottish Government has provided me with an insight into a strategic view of NHSScotland which I combine with my 24 years as a clinician towards a pragmatic approach of what policy directions mean in practice. This is an exciting time with so many opportunities to develop our practice and improve patient experience. We each have ideas on how this can be done and I would encourage you to share these with your colleagues. I hope to meet you at one of the NHS QIS Professional Practice Development Network Meetings.

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## Prevention & Management of Falls Community of Practice



Pictured from left to right: Eileen Moir, Dr Dawn Skelton, Ann Murray, Professor Sallie Lamb, Dr Sarah Mitchell

The Practice Development Unit launched the Prevention and Management of Falls Community of Practice at the Beardmore on 26th & 27th March 2008. Delegates included recently nominated Falls Leads representing 37 of the 40 CH(C)Ps in Scotland. An interactive session with a wider group of stakeholders identified potential topics for the Falls Programme. The Falls Community web space, which will provide an opportunity to access evidence and share experience and good practice, was launched along with the MKN for Self-Management & Rehabilitation by Shona Robinson on 29th April 2008 at Glasgow

Caledonian University. For more information about the programme please contact ann.murray3@nhs.net or visit the website - [www.fallscommunity.scot.nhs.uk](http://www.fallscommunity.scot.nhs.uk).

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Please click on the links below to take you directly to the information

- [NHS Quality Improvement Scotland Standards for Cancer Services](#)

## network links

- [HealthQWest Connects Newsletter - March 2008](#)
- [Department of Health AHP Bulletin - March 2008](#)
- [Self Care Rehabilitation Managed Knowledge Network \(e-library\)](#)
- [NHS Quality Improvement Scotland Standards for Sexual Health Services](#)

## NEWS FROM THE NETWORKS

The network would like to thank **Nadia Northway** for all her hard work and commitment dedicated to the Orthoptic Network during her time as Network Chair. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to **Claire Gilmour** who was appointed as the Practice Development Network Chair - Orthoptics on 22 April 2008. For more information about the Orthoptic Network please contact Claire at [claire.gilmour@nhs.net](mailto:claire.gilmour@nhs.net).

The **Podiatry Shared Space & Prosthetic & Orthotic Shared Space** have been developed on the e-library. For more information please visit [www.elib.scot.nhs.uk](http://www.elib.scot.nhs.uk).

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