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ODP SURGE

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Project Title:

**A communication network
to streamline education
and development for
ODPs.**

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Project overview: Aimed to streamline ODP education pathways by creating the foundations for a national communication network between universities and education stakeholders.

Challenge or Opportunities: Currently each trust follow their own development pathways which can be unclear for ODPs. There is a lack of awareness of progression routes for ODPs to develop, and limitations in Trusts and organisations understanding the ODP scope of practice, therefore limiting jobs ODPs are exposed to.

Actions Taken: I shared my project idea at university STODP meetings to generate interest from university stakeholders.

I created a questionnaire for all ODP professionals to complete to gain qualitative data on themes in ODP further education and progression. This is to

help form the agenda for the first meeting.

Impact: Questionnaire responses had key themes however, scale of completion and the regions it was shared across was limited.

Further stakeholders needed to join the meeting to initiate a series of meetings. I recognise the stakeholders may not necessarily be ODPs by background.

Leadership Learning: As a leader communication with targeted stakeholders is key for development to the project and to support me. Leadership does not need to be led by one individual, I need a team to support me.

Future Plans: To look into similar meetings pre-existing in other healthcare professions to gain insight into agendas, stakeholders and frequency of communication.

To re-share the questionnaire with the ODP Surge group to share with their theatre departments and Trust education teams. This is to gain increased regional, national data and interest.

To add to the questionnaire: those interested in joining the network to add their contact details and their job title.

To gain support from CODP to lead with the meetings and share with the community.

Gain support from my team within my trust to support meetings.

