Due to the ongoing situation of <u>COVID-19</u>, the NES executive team have taken the decision to cancel all **face to face** courses and events for the foreseeable future. If you are already booked on a course which carried a fee, this will be refunded back onto the payment card used. Updates around face to face courses will be posted as and when the situation changes.

With the emphasis on the rollout of the vaccination programme and new lockdown situation across Scotland, the Faculty Development Support Unit, NHS Education for Scotland are aware that practitioners and colleagues delivering health and care services may be facing particular and additional challenges. We are keen to continue to support the health and care workforce to deliver good quality services through education and training but do not wish to take time from frontline health and care practitioners where this may add to pressures on service provision.

We will therefore continue to work on our FDSU priority education and training programmes and inform you of opportunities to participate should your current working requirements still enable you to do so at this stage.

Please note that courses may be cancelled at very short notice. Reasons for this might include a lack of participants, or issues securing faculty to deliver the courses. In the event of a course being cancelled, participants will be contacted by email as a matter of urgency.

Please do not hesitate to contact FDSU should you have any questions around current or future FDSU meetings or learning events. FDA.Admin@nes.scot.nhs.uk