The first SAPHNA Student SCPHN school nurse special interest group

"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about." – Margaret J.

With that in mind, on the 3rd of February 2023 SAPHNA hosted the first Student SCPHN school nurse special interest group. As SAPHNA’s student ambassador, I was incredibly appreciative of the number of student school nurses that made time to attend this and working as a collective to help build our school nursing community. We were pleased to welcome over 40 passionate SCPHN school nursing students from around the UK, some attending from as far as Scotland. The aim of the special interest group is to develop a national community which provides a space for SCPHN school nurse students to share knowledge, practice, and experience outside of their local context. This group also offers peer support whilst completing the SCPHN course. The value of this was evident in this first meeting, with most students asking for advice and support on the practicalities of the SCPHN course whilst gaining reassurance from others that they too have the same experiences. Being able to engage with other like-minded students, discussing practice and future developments in school nursing practice was felt to be beneficial to all. I was personally pleased to be able to learn from wider UK school nursing teams as this will help to shape my own practice within the Hull 0-19 Public Health Service.

The feedback given was that many SCPHN students would like continued support from this special interest group with some commenting that this had helped them during their student journey. The next student SCPHN school nurse special interest group will be held on…

I look forward to seeing you all there!