

## Ecclesfield School celebrate double success of partnership work with Chapelgreen Practice, Sheffield.



Three years ago, Lesley Cassell (Careers Adviser, Ecclesfield School), Dr Rughani (GP, Chapelgreen Medical Practice) and Blake Foster (Practice Manager, Chapelgreen Medical Practice) worked collaboratively to design a programme of education to introduce young people to the vast amount of careers opportunities available within the NHS.

This project, involving the careers team in school, and the whole team from the practice, consists of 4 important stages:

- Stage 1 – GP presentation in assembly
- Stage 2 – GPs, along with other staff from the practice, attend a parents information evening in school
- Stage 3 – Interested students take part in a ‘behind the scenes’ tour of the practice, to see staff engaged in their daily roles, to observe a mock GP consultation, and to attend presentations from different teams of staff.
- Stage 4 – ‘A day in the life of...’ - for interested students to apply for a shadowing opportunity at the practice.



## What happened next?...

Ecclesfield School – Chapelgreen Practice... 'DNA Man – Can't Make It? Cancel it!'



Through their involvement with the practice, Ecclesfield School students were invited to help develop a campaign, designed to address non-attendance at appointments.

... at 10 GP practices in Sheffield, surveyed between January and March this year, a staggering 5,600 appointments were missed!!!

The campaign's main aim was to help people realise how important it is to let the surgery know if they no longer need, or can't attend an appointment.

## Ecclesfield School – Chapelgreen Practice ‘DNA Man – Can’t Make It? Cancel it!’



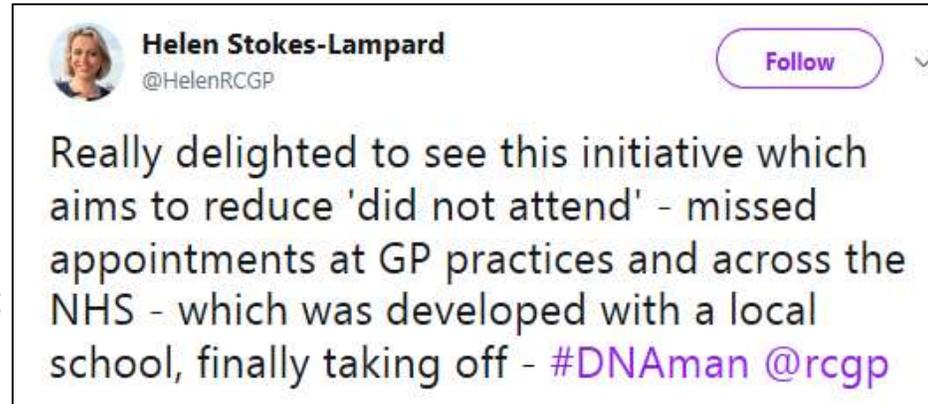
Life-size cut outs of the Superhero – DNA Man (Did Not Attend), are now appearing in GP surgeries across Sheffield, accompanied by an animation on the waiting room screens, as a reminder of how easy and important it is to cancel unwanted appointments [Click HERE to watch...](#)

**DNA Man**  
**Can't Make It?**  
**Cancel it!**



## The word is out...

**Professor Helen Stokes-Lampard** chair of the Royal College of General Practitioners, made a special request to meet with the students from Ecclesfield School to hear about their involvement in the project; she was very impressed!...



... as was The Rt Hon. Lord David Blunkett, who heard about the project first hand from Dr Rughani and Lesley Cassell, at the RCGP awards ceremony, where Chapelgreen Practice received a 'Highly Commended' award for their passion for partnership working, and raising awareness in the community.

The word is out, Chapelgreen Practice is already seeing the numbers of missed appointment reducing, and DNA Man is set to go national – well done to all who have been involved. **Can't Make It? Cancel It!**

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