FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

• I am currently not working in a healthcare setting and wondered if I would be eligible to apply to the Fund?

The Fund is open to any registered nurse or midwife living and working in Scotland in any setting. Applicants must however demonstrate in their applications how the development opportunity will benefit patients and service users. The Fund does not support applications for full time study/career breaks.

• Does the fund cover backfill/staff costs?

No - The purpose of the Fund is to provide scholarship opportunities to support educational and development opportunities which inform nursing, midwifery or community and health practice. Under conditions of the Fund there is no flexibility to provide backfill/staff costs.

• Does the fund support the costs of completing a degree or undertaking CPD?

Yes – However, applicants must clearly demonstrate how this learning will benefit their patients and service users. Please note that The Fund will only support a maximum of 2 modules in one academic year of any programme. Also, if you are successful in gaining funding, you cannot apply for further funding for the same programme. As stated above, the fund will not support full time study.

• Does one application cover costs for more than one person?

No. Under the terms of the fund there cannot be a collective application for funding. Each person must complete and submit their applications separately with their own expected professional/personal benefits clearly demonstrated. Each application will be considered separately and any funds awarded on merit. Please note that The Disbursement Group cannot guarantee that each individual application will be successful.

• What will not be funded under conditions of the fund?

Under the conditions of the fund we are not able to pay for the following:
- travel or expenses for a third party
- equipment (including books)
- backfill to release staff/applicants’ staff costs
➢ printing
➢ educational opportunities that are linked to the delivery of services i.e non-medical prescribing, return to practice etc.

- **What happens if I do not complete every section within the application?**

  *All sections must be completed* including detail of risk assessment, equality and diversity and plan of dissemination of learning as the panel will review this detail as part of the assessment criteria of the quality of the application. No funding will be approved without this level of detail being supplied.

- **Does the fund pay for educational activity that I have already started before the fund opens?**

  *No.* However any educational activity that commences in between the fund opening and closing dates will be considered by the disbursement panel. *It should be noted that this is done at the applicant’s own risk as the panel may not deem the application appropriate for funding.*

- **How will my information be used?**

  Successful applicants’ name, role, workplace, email address and learning activity detail (except financial detail) will be shared with your organisation’s Practice Learning Lead. This will ensure support, coordination and raising awareness of your learning and its impact on patient/client care at a strategic level.

- **How will my final report be used?**

  Your final report will be shared with both the GNC Fund Trustees and your Practice Learning Lead. It will also be shown on the GNC fund website. Consent for this is part of your application process. **Please note: non-submission of the required final report will be followed up within your organisation.**

- **How can I be informed of new application rounds?**

  Please email [gnc@nes.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:gnc@nes.scot.nhs.uk) request to be added to the GNC Fund distribution list.

  **Please note:** you can request that your name be removed from the distribution list at any time by emailing the same address.