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Dear Colleague,

**NHS Education for Scotland Healthcare Science (HCS) work stream, NES fixed contribution in support of NHS trainee costs.**

**Support for Practitioner-level Clinical Physiology, NEW trainees in 2015. FIRST CALL**

**1. Financial Year 2015-16 support:**

Support is offered to service during 2015-16 specifically for their new NHS-employed practitioner trainees who join the **first year** of pre-registration training either as a Hearing Aid Dispenser (at QMU) or as a Clinical Physiologist (at GCU). It is anticipated that the GCU clinical BSc programme will accept trainees for the following disciplines:

Cardiac Physiology  
Respiratory Physiology  
Neurophysiology  
Audiology

The rationale for the support is to ensure pre-registration undergraduate trainees join the Scottish programme. A categorical assurance that the trainee will join the Sept 2015 intake for year 1 is required. The expectation is that Hearing Aid Dispenser trainees may, at a future date, progress to degree-level qualification as a clinical physiology (audiology) practitioner. **Bids close 27th Feb 2015.**

**2. In 2015-16** NES training support to NHS Boards is set at £7500 for a new trainee entering year 1 of the programme as described in 1.

**3.** Applications from NHS Clinical Physiology service leads for 2015-16 support (2) should

State: **Support for Practitioner-level Clinical Physiology NEW trainees in 2015-16**, and state name, address, contact details of applicant, be confined to one side of A4, and reference A-E:

- A) Ability to support the trainee in the workplace through to registration
- B) Capacity to retain the trainee on completion of training.
- C) Unequivocal commitment to enrol on a Scotland-based academic programme.
- D) Contribution to the Scottish Government's Quality Strategy, including Referral to Treatment Targets

- E) An agreement to facilitate appropriate acquaintanceship totalling 5 weeks in an allied area of Clinical Physiology to garner a wider appreciation of practice, to ready the trainee for an potential 'equivalence' recognition with other UK training pathways.

Bids will be assessed by a NES team against the above criteria.

Electronic submissions of bids are welcome and should be sent to the NES HCS Programme Administrator Shelagh Mcleish at [shelagh.mcleish@nes.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:shelagh.mcleish@nes.scot.nhs.uk)

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**NOTE**

Preregistration clinical physiology training in Scotland currently operates biannually at GCU. An intake for year 1 in 2015 is planned. There was no intake in 2014; it is highly unlikely that there will be an intake in 2016. Service is strongly encouraged to take steps now to secure a 2015 trainee and avoid a potential two year delay.

Yours sincerely,



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