

Funding update 10th June 2023

Dear Colleague

Funding for Trainee Nursing Associates South East regional funding confirmation 2023

Thank you for supporting the Trainee Nursing Associate (TNA) programme.

This confirms the NHS England South East region funding arrangements for Trainee Nursing Associates and Direct Entry Foundation Degree Nursing Associates and ensures that a consistent approach is followed in terms of payment to employers and Higher Education Institutions (HEI's).

The funding for those commencing on programmes up to 31 March 2024 is outlined below:

- **Trainee Nursing Associate – Standard offer**
For each TNA, an employer will be eligible for a total funding sum of **£8,000 over two years (£4,000 per year)**.
- **Trainee Nursing Associates - Learning Disability offer**
For trainees that are working at least 50% of their clinical practice time with people who have a learning disability or/and are autistic, an employer will be eligible for a total funding sum of **£15,800 over two years (£7,900 per year) ***.

**To be eligible to access the enhanced funding for TNA (learning disability/autism), the TNA will need to be spending 50% or more of their time working with people who have a learning disability or/and are autistic. There are no restrictions in relation to clinical or social setting in which the TNA (learning disability/autism) is or plans to work within during their apprenticeship.*

- **TNA Direct Entry Programme**
Placement Tariff Value applicable
For each starter to a TNA Direct Entry/ UCAS Programme, NHS England will provide one payment of £1,000 to each TNA to cover the entire 2-year programme*.

*The trainees can utilise the funds however they feel fit to assist them, e.g., childcare, travel, iPad for online learning, books.

The HEIs will be required to invoice NHS England based on the candidates that commence on programme and HEIs will be responsible for administering the funds to the trainees. We would like to actively encourage HEI's to use this funding as an incentive in their course marketing.

Payments

Payments will be based on data collected from the Student Data Collection Tool (SDCT); the main points are:

- Funding will only be provided for TNAs registered within the HEI returns.
- Payment will be provided through the NHS Education Contract for NHS Employers.
- Currently Non-NHS Employers that do not have an NHS Education Contract in place will be required to invoice and will receive payments at the beginning of Year 1 and 2 (*HEI will need to confirm that TNA still on programme for Year 2).

Primary Care

The below points apply to those Trainee Nursing Associates commencing the apprenticeship programme within Primary Care:

- Employers will receive a total funding of £8,000 over two years (£4,000 per year)
- For trainees that are working at least 50% of their clinical practice time with people who have a learning disability or/and are autistic, an employer will be eligible for a total funding sum of £15,800 over two years (£7,900 per year) * instead of £4000
- Employers can apply for apprenticeship levy funding of up to £15,000 to fund course fees
- Each employer is eligible to apply for the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme (ARRS) to support the role and funding of salary of the Trainee Nursing Associate (Nursing Associate and also Registered Nurse Degree Apprentice)

Data Collection and Validation

Collection	Period covered	Education Providers submit data to NHS England	Data Shared with Employers for validation	SDCT Final Data submitted to Regional Finance Leads
June 2023	15 th February - 30 th June 2023	3 rd July - 14 th July 2023	From 28 th July 2023	6 th September 2023
October 2023	1 st July – 31 st October 2023	30 th October – 10 th November 2023	From 21 st November 2023	11 th January 2024
February 2024	1 st November – 14 th February 2024	12 th February – 23 rd February 2024	From 8 th March 2024	16 th April 2024

Who to contact if you have any queries:

Please contact NHS England South East Nursing and Midwifery Team

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Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Clark". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Regional Head of
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