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Introduction

NHSE/I BNSSG Newly Qualified GP Fellowship Programme

- Healthier Together and the BNSSG Training Hub are delighted to present the NHS England & NHS Improvement (NHSE/I) Newly Qualified GP Fellowship Programme for Bristol, North Somerset & South Gloucestershire (BNSSG).
- This 2 year programme is designed to provide personalised support to newly qualified GPs, helping you to gain confidence, and to develop enjoyable, fulfilling and sustainable careers in general practice.

Eligibility criteria

- The 2020-21 Fellowship Programme is open to GPs qualifying between November 2018 and March 2021 who currently hold (or who are going to take up) a substantive (salaried or partnership) NHS role in BNSSG. The programme is open to international recruits who fulfill these criteria.
- Employing practices must provide: protected CPD time, an induction to the practice and the primary care network (PCN), and a named clinical supervisor with whom the fellow can meet for 1 hour/month for the duration of the fellowship. They must also consider what career development opportunities they can offer the fellow, for example: shadowing, leadership & management roles, quality improvement projects, teaching & supervision responsibilities, and portfolio working within the primary care network.
Fellowship Programme Overview

**Funded CPD time**
Fellows will benefit from 1 session per week pro rata paid protected time for continuing professional development.

**Induction**
The employing practice will provide an induction to the practice and primary care network. The Training Hub will provide an induction to the fellowship programme and the local health & care system.

**Clinical supervision**
The employing practice will provide a named clinical supervisor. Fellows will meet with their clinical supervisor for at least 1 hour a month.

**Peer support**
Fellows will be offered the opportunity to join a peer support group.

**Coaching & mentoring**
Each fellow will have access to 4 coaching sessions. In addition, NHSE/I is developing a mentoring scheme which aims to provide every fellow with a GP mentor.

**Career development**
The Training Hub will provide tailored career advice & support, with an emphasis on leadership & portfolio career development. Fellows will have the opportunity to apply for a place on the 2021 Bristol Next Generation GP scheme.
Funded CPD Time

- Practices will receive reimbursement for 1 session per week pro rata protected CPD time.

- This time will cover programme attendance e.g. peer support, clinical supervision, coaching, mentoring, and learning & development opportunities.

- The remainder of the time is for self-directed CPD. We encourage fellows to use this time to undertake projects within their PCN or the wider system, and to pursue their career development goals.

- Fellows will be asked to create personal development plans (PDP), setting SMART* goals for their CPD time. They will be asked to review their PDP and reflect on their experience every 6 months.

  *Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Timely.

- Reimbursement will be at a rate of £7200 per year pro rata plus associated employment costs. Please see the following page for further details.

- For the purposes of this programme:
  Full time = 8 sessions/week.
  1 session = 4 hours.

  CPD entitlement will be calculated based on number of clinical sessions/week worked with the employing NHS practice. Locum work, non-clinical work, private work and work in other NHS clinical settings will not be included.

- Fellows should agree with their practices whether this time is taken in addition to their current clinical time, or whether they are released from clinical time.
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### FAQs

#### Funded CPD Time

1. **Is there anything that funded CPD time can’t be used for?**
   
   Funded CPD time cannot be used for routine clinical or administrative work. It also cannot be used for statutory and mandatory training.

2. **Do I need indemnity?**
   
   It depends on how you intend to use your CPD time. It is the joint responsibility of the fellow and the practice to seek advice from an indemnity provider and obtain appropriate cover. There is no funding available for indemnity.

3. **Are there study or project budgets?**
   
   No. There are no study or project budgets associated with this programme. However, we encourage fellows to discuss project opportunities with their PCN and with the Training Hub.

4. **What happens if I take maternity/paternity leave or sick leave?**
   
   You can pause your fellowship during maternity/paternity leave or an extended period of sick leave. CPD payments will resume on your return to work. We cannot guarantee, however, that the other aspects of the programme will still be available.

5. **What happens if I change practice?**
   
   If you take up a substantive post in another practice within BNSSG that can meet the terms & conditions of this programme, you may continue the programme at your new practice. If you move outside of BNSSG, or no longer have a substantive role, you are no longer eligible for this programme.
1. What induction will I receive?
   Your employing practice will provide an induction to the practice & PCN. The Training Hub will provide an online induction to the fellowship programme and the local health & care system.

2. What clinical supervision should my practice provide?
   A requirement of the fellowship programme is that practices provide fellows with a named clinical supervisor, with whom they meet for 1 hour/month. The clinical supervisor should be an experienced GP. There are no qualification requirements for the supervisor, but the Training Hub can give advice on supervision training if required. There is no funding available for clinical supervision.

3. What peer support will I receive?
   All GP fellows will be invited to join a peer support group. These groups will be self-run. 1 or 2 members from each group will receive facilitator training. We suggest that groups meet for 1 hour every 6 weeks. We will endeavour to find times which suit everyone. The meetings will be held online.

4. What is the coaching offer?
   Fellows will have access to 4 remote coaching sessions. They will be able to access these at a time of their choosing at any point during the fellowship programme.

5. What mentoring will I receive?
   NHSE/I is currently developing a mentoring scheme which aims to provide every fellow with a GP mentor, with whom they can meet once a month.

6. What career development opportunities are there?
   The Training Hub will provide opportunities tailored to your interests e.g. career chats, shadowing opportunities & training events. PCNs are also encouraged to provide career development opportunities e.g. shadowing, leadership and management roles, quality improvement projects, teaching and supervision responsibilities, and portfolio working within the PCN. Fellows will also have the opportunity to apply for a place on the 2021 Bristol Next Generation GP scheme.
Timeline

Start

October 2020 - March 2021
0-6 months:
Induction. Clinical supervision & peer support start. Create PDP. Reflective report at 6 months.

April 2021 - September 2021
6-12 months:
Add in career learning & development opportunities. Reflective report at 12 months.

October 2021 - March 2022
12-18 months:
Add in mentoring, Career coaching available throughout. Reflective report at 18 months.

April 2022 - September 2022
18-24 months:
Add in portfolio working. Reflective report at 24 months. Celebratory end of programme event.

End
How to apply

There is no competitive application process for this programme and we will endeavour to place all eligible GPs, subject to funding.

GPs who qualified between 1st November 2018 and 30th September 2019:

Please complete the accompanying application form and memorandum of understanding (MOU) and return to jessie.saul@nhs.net by 30th September 2020.

Please note this is your only opportunity to join the programme.

GPs qualifying between 1st October 2019 and 31st March 2021:

If you already have a substantive role or confirmed job offer, please complete the accompanying application form and MOU and return to jessie.saul@nhs.net by 30th September 2020.

If you do not yet have a substantive job offer, please register your interest by completing an expression of interest (EOI) form (this can be obtained from jessie.saul@nhs.net). If you have already completed an EOI form, you do not need to do it again. Please contact us once you have secured a substantive job offer.

You will remain eligible to join the programme for 12 months after your CCT date.

If you have any further questions about the programme, please contact sarah.ballisat@nhs.net