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FAO: NHSE Workforce teams, Chief Pharmacists, Chief Pharmacy Technicians, ICB Chief Pharmacists and Locality Leads, LPCs, CPCLs, Technical Services Managers, Education and Training Leads/networks, Workforce Leads

Dear Colleague,

Skills Investment Funding for Registered Pharmacy Professionals in North East and Yorkshire

If you wish to submit an expression of interest for skills investment funding for 2024/25, please complete the attached Excel spreadsheet and email to england.wtepharmacy.ney@nhs.net (using the subject 'Skills investment application 2024') by **23.59 16th June 2024**. Submissions made after the deadline will not be accepted.

Please complete one application Excel spreadsheet per organisation/department.

You will receive an email receipt within five working days of your submission. This will contain a reference number which should be used for any further correspondence. This receipt is not confirmation of funding.

Priority areas

We invite bids linked to the following workforce transformation priorities **that are not supported by other funding streams**:

- Clinical knowledge and skills
- Educator knowledge and skills
- Research knowledge and skills
- Technical services knowledge and skills

Principles for funding

We will consider applications for funding for registered pharmacy professionals working in NHS organisations or organisations providing NHS services within the North East and Yorkshire region. This is limited to:

- Courses aligned with our priorities above starting between **1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025**
- Independent Prescribing qualifications – see FAQs below
- PCPEP (non-ARRS roles)

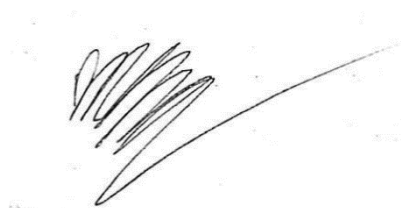
We cannot fund via Skills Investment:

- Masters level qualifications
- PCPEP (ARRS roles)
- Leadership courses – see employing organisations, [NHS Leadership Academy](#) or [CPPE](#)
- Short courses, conferences, subscriptions, organisation membership fees
- Late submissions
- Submissions without a named learner – funding will be provided for named learners only. Please email england.wtepharmacy.ney@nhs.net if you are planning recruitment to a currently vacant post, or if name substitutions are required

Important notes

- This funding is for course fees only
- This is a competitive process based on a limited budget
- Funding will not be paid directly to individuals
- Funding contributions are for one year only
- We cannot guarantee future second year funding
- Organisations must email england.wtepharmacy.ney@nhs.net at the earliest opportunity, where assigned funds cannot be utilised
- If the Skills Investment Fund is oversubscribed, NHS England will allocate places/funding on a fair-share basis across the applying organisations
- Funding for courses delivered by Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) within the NEY region will be paid directly to the HEI
- PTQA will be funded directly to the HEI
- Other courses delivered by HEIs outside NEY or by Further Education Institutions (FEI) colleges /providers will be supported via a training grant paid via the employer
NB: employers MUST arrange to pay for tuition fees directly to the Training Provider as instructed on the offer letter and invoices MUST NOT be sent to NHS England
- Evidence of course completion will be required, and NHS England reserve the right to reclaim monies where funding has not been utilised as stated in the bid

Yours sincerely,



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Frequently Asked Questions

Should the application be completed by the individual or an employer?

Applications should be made by a manager on behalf of all individuals in their department/organisation who require funding. The individual can support the completion of the application, but it must be submitted by a manager.

Is there a limit of funding per person, per course?

Yes. There may be a limit on the maximum funding available per person dependent on the number of applications.

Can funding be sought for pharmacist post-graduate clinical diplomas?

Applications can be made for pharmacist post-graduate clinical diplomas if there are no funded places available via a local commission, or the specialist mental health diploma at Aston University.

Can funding be sought for independent prescribing?

Yes, for the managed sector employees where local provision is not available or not feasible for example provided out-of-area.

Pharmacists who are primary care non-ARRS funded, or working in community pharmacy or health and justice must apply via <https://www.hee.nhs.uk/our-work/pharmacy/independent-prescribing>.

Can more than one application be made for the same person?

No, if an individual wishes to undertake more than one course in this financial year they should prioritise their learning needs with their employer. Please note we will only fund one application per individual per year.

Is there a list of potential courses available?

It is up to individuals and their employers to decide on appropriate development requirements. The funds can be used for any course that supports our priorities, where other funding is unavailable.