

To: Midlands Trust Scientific Leads

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Dear Colleague,

Healthcare Science – Commissioning Process 2025 - 2026

I am pleased to inform you that the NHS England online portals for requesting funding for STP, HSST and ETP posts are now open. Those of you who are familiar with the portal from last year will notice that the process has been reviewed. Please read the 'Healthcare Science Guidance Document' which will explain the changes we have made following feedback received on last year's two-stage process. The guidance also contains important information regarding workforce planning and avoiding under-utilisation of university places.

The submission of your request will be used to assess whether a request to host a trainee in 2025-26 is supported by your NHS England region; there is no automatic guarantee of funding. We have included information on the expected funding arrangements below which is subject to confirmation of funding to NHS England. Training places on any funded course may be restricted by training capacity or cohort viability.

A timeline for the 2025-2026 process can be found in the attached guidance.

Funding Arrangements

Funding for all posts is set out in the table below:

Programme	STP	ETP	HSST
Duration	3 years	18 months	5 years
Salary support	NHS England will provide salary support for each training post for the duration of the programme. This will be at the bottom of Band 6, confirmed Agenda for Change		N/A

Programme	STP	ETP	HSST
<i>Duration</i>	3 years	18 months	5 years
	(AfC) rate, for the financial year, (plus on-costs).		
<i>Training support</i>	NHS England will provide £2,000 per training post, each year (pro-rata'd for ETP) for the duration of the programme, to support completion of the academic components of the training programme. The primary purpose of this funding is to enable the employer to support travel and accommodation expenses that might be incurred by the trainee whilst completing the academic components of the training programme. Funding cannot at present be utilised to fund specific elective modules or to procure IT equipment which should be provided to trainees by their employer to support any remote/home working requirements. NHS England reserves the right to audit expenditure for the training support.		N/A
<i>Training allowance</i>	N/A	N/A	Training allowance of £13,796 per trainee, per academic year. To support the costs associated with training. No further support is provided for additional salary payments or travel and accommodation costs.
<i>Tuition costs</i>	NHS England will pay tuition costs directly to the relevant University for the academic element of the training for both direct entry and in-service trainees.		

Please use the following links to access the portals:

The link to the STP portal is:

<https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/healtheducationh/healthcare-science-2025-26-scientist-training-programme-stp-req>

The link to the HSST portal is:

<https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/healtheducationh/healthcare-science-2025-26-higher-specialist-scientist-trainee-1>

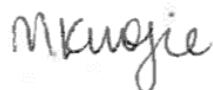
The link to the ETP portal is:

<https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/healtheducationh/healthcare-science-2024-25-stage-2-echocardiography-training-pr>

If you have any queries at all, please contact your NHS England regional office using this e-mail address: england.healthcare.science.wm@nhs.net

Yours sincerely,

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