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Dear colleagues

## **Training grant funding to support Nursing Associate Apprenticeships**

As you will be aware, NHS England offer a training grant, payable to employers who support their employees to undertake the nursing associate apprenticeship programme.

Due to financial constraints, training grant numbers will now be capped. To ensure equity and fair share allocation of funding, we are introducing an Expression of Interest (EOI) process for employers to complete to apply for this funding.

The offer is open for any health and care employers in the Northwest who can support learners to commence on pathway in the 2025-26 financial year (starting on or before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026)

Please note, this application process is for **training grant only**. Trainees will need to apply to the Higher Education Institution (HEI) of their choice via the HEI's application process to secure a place on the programme.

Please see the attached Principles for Funding for details of eligibility, scope, payment schedules and levy transfer opportunities for payment of fees, where needed.

### **Next steps**

As places are limited, organisations are invited to submit Expressions of Interest (EOIs), which will be reviewed by a moderation panel.

**To express an interest, please complete the below form via the link. EOIs can be submitted until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026.**

- [EOIs for training grant to support Nursing Associate apprenticeships](#)

Please note, organisations can submit multiple EOIs during the year, but please do not request more funded places that you can reasonably support.

We aim to review and confirm initial allocation of training grant funding by 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025 and subsequently within 4 weeks of receipt of EOIs.

Once all training grant funding is allocated, we will operate a reserve list to enable full utilisation of funding during the financial year.

Yours sincerely,



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