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Dear colleagues

Funding to support Nursing Apprenticeships 2025/26

We are delighted to invite you to express an interest in funding to support the training of:

* Current Assistant Practitioners (APs) or Nursing Associates (NAs) to progress to Registered Nurse (RN) **(Maximum of 5 places per employer)**
* Learning Disability Registered Nurse Degree Apprenticeships

The offer is 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 31st March 2026).

The training grants available are:

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| Apprenticeship programme | Support available  (per trainee per year) | Maximum length of programme  (years) |
| AP and NA to Registered Nurse | £8808 | 2 |
| Learning Disability Registered Nurse Degree Apprenticeship | £8808 | 4 |

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 following form(s) no later than 12 noon on 30th May 2025 via the below links. Please note employers wishing to express an interest in more than one of the below will need to complete all relevant EOI forms.**

[AP/NA – RN EOI](https://forms.office.com/e/TT7EzVrRAe)

[Registered Nurse Degree Apprenticeship – Learning Disability EOI](https://forms.office.com/e/Kk0D4BYkQd)

We aim to inform organisations of their funding award for the EOIs closing at the end of May by **Friday 13th June 2025**.

Yours sincerely,

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