**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM**

**History Taking & Physical Assessment and Independent Prescribing Course (Funding)**

**Important Information to read before you apply:**

If you have been working as a Practice Nurse or Paramedic for more than 2 years and are starting to wonder what to do next, you have several options to think about. The following may help to guide your decision about your next steps:

* Do you want to do an accredited course in a particular clinical area, eg diabetes, asthma, COPD? If you haven’t already done one, then you will need to have developed this level of knowledge before you start to do an Independent Prescribing Course.   
  Please contact your Borough Training Hub lead to find out about funding for CPD to cover the cost of this. You could also ask about Legacy Nurse (LN) support. An LN can come to your practice and sit in with you when you see patients for the clinical area you are learning about eg diabetic patients, asthma patients, etc.
* If you have already developed specialist knowledge, then you can apply to do your IP Course.  
  BUT …
* Do you want to specialise OR do you want to become an Advanced Generalist? Doing the IP Course is for Nurses / Paramedics who want to specialise … i.e. remain working with a specific group of patients (Diabetic, Respiratory) and would like the ability to be able prescribe within that speciality.
* If you are more interested in becoming an Advanced Practitioner – seeing patients present with undifferentiated problems (a cough, chest pain, low back pain, etc) then you need to do the full Advanced Practice MSc and **not** the IP module.   
  If you are interested in doing the AP Course, please contact your Borough TH lead who can send you the relevant information.
* If you have already done the HTPA course, you can apply to do the IP course and will receive a maximum of £2,000 or the cost of the course, whichever is less.

***This application is for those nurses/paramedics who wish to specialise and use Prescribing within their specialist role.***

Most Universities require you to do a History Taking and Physical Assessment Module before doing the Independent Prescribing Module.

The NWL Training Hub has a budget of £3000 per person for 30 people to contribute towards the cost of both modules. We have previously organised a cohort of nurses at UWL. However, we appreciate UWL may not be the most convenient for everyone, so we are going to leave it up to you to choose where you study. You will have £3k funding in total. You will need to pay for both modules with this amount. Depending on where you choose to study, the costs of the course will vary. If the cost is more than £3k, you or your practice/PCN will need to pay the difference.

The process for this years funding is:

1. Discuss your thoughts, wishes and plans with your clinical manager and practice manager – you will need their support to do the courses (both from a financial and time commitment perspective) and you will need a Designated Prescribing Practitioner (either a GP or AP) to assess you whilst doing the IP course.
2. If you have support, then you will need to complete this application form. Please add as much information as possible to help us decided who we will fund. Please complete it in the current word format – do not print and fill in by hand. Please submit it as a word document. If you have a CV, you can submit this as well to support your application.
3. If your funding is approved, you will need to decide where you want to do the courses and how any difference in funding will be paid.
4. Apply to the University of your choice.
5. Your Practice will need to pay for the course (initially the HTAP and then the IP).
6. NWL TH will reimburse your practice the sum of £3000 once you have secured and started your HTAP course.
7. We will also then need proof that you have started the IP course otherwise you will be liable to repay half the money (i.e. £1,500).
8. If you drop out of the course without a valid reason, you will be liable to pay the cost of the course(s).

If you have any questions, or are unsure about any of this, please email either Karen [karen.sood@nhs.net](mailto:karen.sood@nhs.net) or Sally [sally.armstrong@nhs.net](mailto:sally.armstrong@nhs.net) .

**Application form**

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| Name |  |
| Practice |  |
| PCN |  |
| Borough |  |
| Job Role |  |
| Contact Telephone Number |  |
| Email address |  |
| Local Training Hub |  |
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| How Long have you been working as a Practice Nurse / Paramedic? |  |
| List The CPD courses you have done: |  |

**PLEASE SUBMIT COPIES OF ALL CPD CERTIFICATES – YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED IF YOU DO NOT SUBMIT THESE**

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| I CONFIRM MY PRACTICE SUPPORTS MY APPLICATION |
| Y/N |

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| PLEASE OUTLINE WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO UNDERTAKE THE ADVANCED ASSESSMENT AND NON-MEDICAL PRESCRIBING COURSES |
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| PLEASE OUTLINE WHAT BENEFIT THIS LEARNING WOULD HAVE IN YOUR ROLE |
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| PLEASE PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU CONSIDER APPROPRIATE TO SUPPORT YOUR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST. |
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| **SIGNATURE** |
| **Date:** |