

Health Education England Thames Valley & Wessex Primary Care School Primary Care Fellowship programme – 2022-23

Frequently asked questions

What is a Fellowship?

A Fellowship is the opportunity for an individual to undertake a specific project, whilst still in their substantive role. The Fellowship time is funded by Health Education England (HEE).

The fellows combine delivering care in their clinical roles whilst undertaking a project which has an educational focus.

The fellows are supported during their Fellowship by a mentor, and they have regular learning sets and workshops.

Funding is available for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) related to the Fellowship topic.

There are lots of different types of Fellowship programmes that people can apply for such as: HEE Primary Care School Fellowships, New to Practice Fellowships and local Fellowship programmes such as Mid-career Fellowships.

This paper relates to HEE Primary Care School Fellowships.

How long is the Fellowship?

The HEE Primary Care Fellowship is one year in duration for two sessions / eight hours a week.

Why does HEE support Fellowships?

The Primary Care School hopes that this Fellowship programme will facilitate the development of innovative ideas and projects related to education. It also helps to strengthen relationships between Primary Care and Health Education England.

Who can apply?

The HEE Primary Care Fellowships are open to any qualified Primary Care professionals working within Primary Care throughout Thames Valley and Wessex.

We welcome applications from all professions.

How many Fellowship are available?

The next cohort is for 21 Primary Care Fellowships and will commence in November 2022. The topics areas for the Fellowship projects include:

- Health Inequality Trailblazer
- Simulation
- Primary Care Training Hub
- Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) / International Medical Graduate (IMG) support
- Exam support
- Capacity / Expansion
- Annual Review of Competency Progression (ARCP)

How does the funding work?

The funding for the HEE Primary Care Fellowships is allocated via a host employer with whom HEE already holds an existing educational agreement. This includes all training practices, and some providers who have hosted other HEE-funded learners.

If you want to apply for a Fellowship and you are not sure if this includes your employer, please contact HEE before submitting an expression of interest.

Each fellow has money allocated for Continuing Professional Development.

The CPD funding may be used for further education programmes such as a relevant PGCert MedEd / Diploma, or for other courses / conferences relevant to the project topic. Fellows draw down this funding from their host following approval from the Primary Care Dean.

What format of the Fellowship take?

Due to the current global context, the Fellowship is a hybrid model, some of the work is virtual working from home, and some may be face to face, such as meeting mentors. Some time may need to be spent in other locations such as the relevant HEE local office.

The programme is flexible and is co-designed with the cohort. There is a monthly development session facilitated by the Primary Care School. The sessions are a blended approach including speakers and learning sets, peer support and networking opportunities.

Are the HEE Primary Care Fellowships the same as New to Practice Fellowships?

No, they are separate from the New to Practice Fellowships.

In summary, the HEE PCS Fellowship:

HEE Primary Care Fellowship FAQs

- Develops new and innovative educational projects which aim to impact and improve the experience for learners, Primary Care professionals, and the local citizens of Thames Valley and Wessex
- Helps fellows gain and develop new knowledge, skills, and competences in areas including project development, project management, facilitation, leadership, communication, and presentation skills.
- Supports the development of our workforce, providing individuals with funding to undertake an accredited education programme or undertake educational support relevant to the Fellowship project
- Build relationships with HEE and Primary Care