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Dear Colleagues

## **Primary Care Network level (PCN) approval of Primary Care learning environment project**

The Long-Term Plan and Government mandate to HEE require an increase of the Primary Care workforce by 6,000 doctors working in Primary Care and 26,000 additional roles.

To meet this, Primary Care will need to be supported to develop efficient processes to provide quality assured learning environments with competent supervision across a broad range of pre and post qualified learners.

Historically management of learning environments has been at an individual practice level which focusses the work on a few individuals within that one practice.

Thames Valley Wessex Primary Care School (TVW PCS) recognise the role that PCNs now take and the substantial growth of these businesses since their inception, including an increase in their role in supporting the growing workforce. It is the ambition of the TVW PCS to continue to support the ongoing work to increase the primary care workforce across the Thames Valley and Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Systems to meet the ever-increasing demands placed on Primary Care. This requires significantly expanding the educational capacity to develop and support a sustainable workforce and therefore robust, quality assured learning environments to grow and support learners across all professions.

PCNs give us the opportunity to develop learning environments at scale and host learners across practices.

We are therefore inviting PCNs to join us in an exciting opportunity to develop these learning

environments. A one-off time limited fund of £12,000 - £24,000 (depending on uptake) is offered to each PCN. It is anticipated that this funding will be used to support educator and administrator time from within the PCN to undertake this piece of work.

If you are interested in joining us in this project, please return the expression of interest form included in this email to [primarycareschooltw.se@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:primarycareschooltw.se@hee.nhs.uk)

Yours faithfully

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