

Reporting Radiography Expressions of Interest 2023/24

Overview

NHS England is committed to continuing the increase of radiographers contributing to image interpretation and reporting within clinical imaging teams. Over 80 senior radiographers have now undertaken approved training to help them progress towards advanced and consultant practice roles in the South East. We are looking to continue this support for 2023/24 and are writing to request that you formally express your interest in utilising this offer.

This offer includes:

- Financial support towards **radiographer salary during training**
- Financial support to cover **course fees (up to 60 M-level credits maximum)**
- Provision of **clinical education mentorship, coaching & supervision**

Working with Imaging Networks, NHSE is offering employers an opportunity to upskill their reporting radiography workforce specifically to develop capability in image interpretation, and reporting, through the award of a Postgraduate Certificate, or Postgraduate Diploma, and integration of their new skills into local service provision. It is expected that Reporting Radiographers will work within the Radiology reporting team.

Several appropriate training courses offering Masters level postgraduate qualifications in either image interpretation and reporting or including this as an option in a wider 'advanced practice' programme of study, already exist and are nationally approved by the Society and College of Radiographers (SCoR). To find a list of approved courses [please see here](#).

Courses are available from this autumn and interested applicants are advised to secure early agreement with their employer, and provisional course acceptance. In parallel, employers are asked to register their interest with the NHSE SE Cancer & Diagnostics Programme [Workforce, Training and Education] who will coordinate the scheme and agree funding with the employer.

How to formally register your expression of interest

As an employer, please:

- Please review the 'Further Information' pages below to ensure your request meets the requirements.

Please complete the Microsoft [application form](#) before the deadline **14:00 on Friday 14th July 2023.**

- All applications will be reviewed in partnership with the relevant South East Imaging Network to ensure an appropriate spread. If we have more applicants than funding, we will work to manage this appropriately.

Please kindly note that if you are successful in securing funding for this training, we will require confirmation that the trainee has started the programme before any funding is transferred. We will provide further details on this if successful.

Further Information

Funding

The offer to Trusts for each radiographer comprises:

- **£3,500 course fees (must be a SCoR nationally approved master's level training programme - e.g. up to 60 credits – PgCert))**
- **£8,500 clinical supervision grant for education mentorship, coaching & supervision and provision of protected learning spaces (e.g. workstations dedicated for trainee use, academy-style training hubs).**
- **£14,372 training grant to support and enable Trusts to release trainees.**

The total package of support offered is £26,372.

It is intended that this offer will lead to:

- Additional capacity or the release of radiologist time through additional reporting radiographer sessions
- An increase in the proportion of examinations reported by radiographers and / or
- A reduction in the number of examinations waiting more than 10 days for interpretation and reporting.

Eligibility

Participants must be existing HCPC registered radiographers working in an NHS institution in England, they must have the support of their local Imaging Service Manager and Clinical Director: they must meet the entry requirements for postgraduate study at the chosen HEI and their training (and subsequent practice) must address an identified service need.

Completion

Following completion, the participant will be expected to demonstrate capability in image interpretation and reporting through the award of PgC or PgD and integration of their new skills into local service provision. Participants may also be able to evidence career progression, for example by transitioning into an enhanced or advanced practice role. Continued clinical and academic progression will be important to support the development of expertise and enable reporting radiographers benefitting from this scheme to fully participate in MDT care, leadership and research roles and achieve professional accreditation as advanced or consultant practitioners.

Training courses

Several appropriate training courses offering Masters level postgraduate qualifications in either image interpretation and reporting, or including this as an option in a wider 'advanced practice' programme of study, already exist and are nationally approved by SCoR ([link](#)).

Participants will be supported to undertake:

- Postgraduate Certificate (60 credits) covering reporting in a single clinical domain, e.g. musculoskeletal, chest, CT head etc.
- Postgraduate Diploma ‘top up’ covering additional aspects of reporting if a PgCert is already held by the radiographer.

The scheme cannot be used to fund the final (research) stage of an MSc programme.

Clinical Supervision Grant

Local allocation of funding for clinical learning support (mentorship & protected learning spaces) will be managed by NHS England Regional Cancer and Diagnostic Leads in conjunction with Postgraduate Deans and Clinical Radiology Heads of School. It is intended that this funding is used across the multi-professional imaging workforce to support both clinical radiology trainees and postgraduate reporting radiographer students participating in this project.

Thank you for your interest in these programmes. Please be aware that your expression of interest is not a confirmed acceptance to the chosen course, however, we will be in touch with you as soon as possible to advise further on places allocated. We will also ensure the relevant Imaging Network is sighted on all expressions and confirmed places. If in the meantime you have any questions, please contact laly.pazhayathu-valsala@hee.nhs.uk

Please return the application form as early as possible, and no later than **14:00 Friday 14th July 2023**.