

South East Endoscopy Training Academy: Care Navigator Funding Offer 2023-24

Information for NHS organisations on how to access this funding, including the application process.

For any queries about this funding or details within this document, please contact the NHS England South East Endoscopy Training Academy, EndoscopyAcademy.SE@hee.nhs.uk

Key Messages

In 2023/2024 the South East Endoscopy Training Academy will be supporting the continued development of Care Navigators and are now welcoming interest for this funding opportunity. Effective navigation is a key element of delivering coordinated, person-centered care and support. Care navigators can play a crucial role in helping people to get the right support, at the right time to help manage a wide range of needs.

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- Creation of new post(s) and pathways
- Developing existing posts within the care navigation (patient) pathway

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The deadline for submitting expressions of interest for this funding is **Friday 11th August 2023**.

The funding offer is designed to afford flexibility in supporting regional and local workforce plans and aims to enable and facilitate the integration of education and training activities within efficient service delivery. There will be an impact of investment analysis within 23/24 and 24/25.

Overview

[The Health Education England Care Navigation Competency Framework](#) describes Care Navigation as a key element of delivering coordinated, person-centered care and support. Care navigators' can play a crucial role in helping people to get the right support, at the right time to help manage a wide range of needs.

A Care Navigator is the “go to” person who glues it all together. They provide the patient with a seamless, joined up care and support experience.

The aims of care navigation:

- To support a co-ordination process to achieve integrated care provision
- To support service redesign or enhance existing patient centred pathway
- To personalise support for each patient
- To integrate care across disciplines
- Deliver faster, higher quality pathways for patients
- Support improved utilisation of resources e.g. appointments
- Show quality improvement initiatives
- Demonstrate workforce gains by release of role activity
- Improve quality and safety in diagnostics
- Share learning with others regionally and nationally

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This funding offer is open to all NHS Services Trusts and Community Diagnostic Centres in the South East providing endoscopy services.

Examples of how funding could be used

The following points demonstrate ways in which a Trust could use this funding.

- Training Grant up to £10,400 e.g. Level 3 Business admin apprenticeship (bespoke to care navigation) <https://pma-uk.org/workshops/business-administration-cancer-care-contextualised-level-3/>
- Integrating a new care navigator in Endoscopy to provide additional contact to patients in a patient group with an increased likelihood of not attending appointments.
- A time bound project for a senior clinician to review pathways, identify and implement changes in line with recommended practice (e.g. British Society of Gastroenterology Guidance on Faecal Immunochemical Testing (FIT) testing)

These examples are not exhaustive, and we welcome innovative ideas from Trusts to address local needs in line with the aims of care navigation.

How to access this funding

Trusts are asked to complete the expression of interest survey by **Friday 11th August**: <https://healtheducationyh.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/care-navigators-in-endoscopy-expression-of-interest-south>

As part of your expression of interest we would like to understand your high level plans and costings as to how you would use this funding.

All expressions of interest will be reviewed by the South East Endoscopy Training Academy core team. Once the expressions of interest have been reviewed, Trusts will be informed of the outcome via email.

Successful Trusts will be asked to confirm exact costings and must liaise with their finance teams to ensure that Trust finance will accept this funding. Funding will then be sent to Trusts in the next quarterly Education Contract Schedule payment. However, once this funding has been confirmed and with the agreement of Trust's finance team, it can begin to be utilized immediately. All funding must be utilized by 31st March 2024.

Expectations of Trusts upon application of funding

- If approved, confirmation that all relevant finance leads have been part of Trust level plans and discussions, to ensure that all proposed plans are able to be undertaken by the Trust.
- If approved, all investment will be subject to reporting requirements (outlined below).
- If approved, all funding is managed appropriately in line with individual organisation's financial management and assurance processes.

Reporting and monitoring investment

NHSE SE are required to provide full details of the use of this funding to the national NHSE Cancer and Diagnostics programme so that investment can be appropriately reported. Where funding has been used to support an individual, the South East Endoscopy Training Academy will keep a database of participant details (to include role, Trust, HEI/training provider where applicable).

Organisations receiving this funding will be required to provide quarterly updates as well as an end of project impact assessment which will inform a regional evaluation. Data collected will be informed by Trust local plans for demonstrating impact. This should be detailed in applications.

Contact

If you have any questions relating to this offer, please do not hesitate to contact the South East Endoscopy Training Academy on:

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Kind Regards,

The South East Endoscopy Academy Team

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