# South East Endoscopy Practice Education Funding 2024/25

## 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 Cancer and Diagnostic Programme,** part of the **Workforce, Training & Education directorate**, england.canceranddiagnostics.se@nhs.net

**Key Messages**

## 2024/25 funding for the NHS England South East Cancer & Diagnostics Programme [part of the Workforce, Training & Education Directorate] has not yet been confirmed. We are hopeful that the budget will include funding to support *Endoscopy Practice Education* and we are therefore progressing with applications, which will be reviewed and provisionally approved subject to funding confirmation from the National Team.

This document details the 2024/25 offer for Endoscopy Practice Education.

The funding offer is designed to support Trusts to provide salary and training opportunities for dedicated practice educators in endoscopy**.**

This funding is available to Endoscopy units in NHS Trusts and CDCs within South East Integrated Care Systems (ICSs) Kent & Medway, Sussex, Surrey Heartlands, Frimley, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire & Berkshire West and Hampshire & Isle of Wight. Salary funding should not be used for practice educators in endoscopy who are already in posts funded by their employing Trust. Trusts with established practice educators should consider how this funding could be used for training opportunities for their practice educators.

**Funding could be used to support:**

* Salary for an existing endoscopy practice educator for 1 day a week (where practice educator salary is not part of the current establishment)
* Salary for a new, named endoscopy practice educator for 1 day a week
* Course/academic module feesfor an endoscopy practice educator to upskill them in practice education

**Deadline for funding applications**

* **The application window will open in early March and will close at 9am on Tuesday 2 April 2024** to support funding being transferred in June 2024 via the NHSE Education Contract schedule where possible.
* It is possible that a second application round will run later in the year, subject to available funding but at this stage we aren’t able to confirm this.

Funding is required to be spent and fully utilised by 31 March 2025, and chosen courses and formal education must start before 31 March 2025, where applicable.

Please submit applications using this link: [Endoscopy Practice Education application form](https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/healtheducationyh/application-form-5)

For any queries please email: england.canceranddiagnostics.se@nhs.net

**Overview**

By October 2024, the completion of JETS-Workforce competencies by nursing staff, care support workers and decontamination staff on Endoscopy units will be part of the JAG standard for services and assessed via GRS and JAG Accreditation.

The NHSE SE Cancer and Diagnostics Programme, via the South East Endoscopy Training Academy, is looking to support this move towards quality improvement within training and education by providing funding for Practice Educators in Endoscopy to lead on the local uptake and completion of JETS-Workforce competencies.

After a successful initial pilot in a number of South East Trusts supporting roles for Practice Educators in endoscopy, we are looking to expand and continue this across the whole of the South East region.

We are inviting applications for funding for Practice Educators in Endoscopy. This could be a new role, or continuing the role of an established Practice Educator whose salary is not currently funded as part of the Trusts usual establishment.

**The funding offer**

We are offering funding for salary and/or upskilling for practice educators in endoscopy. Please note that funding for this deliverable is limited; therefore, we may not be able to support all applications.

In some circumstances, a Trust may be able to apply for additional days for their practice educator. Additional days a week for practice educators will be considered where the practice educator provides training for multiple units or provides a significant number of training courses to benefit the endoscopy workforce across South East region.

These practice educators will be expected to:

* upskill and support staff through the JETS-Workforce Programme
* attend the established Endoscopy Practice Educator Community
* As part of the Endoscopy Practice Educator Community, Practice Educators will collaborate to provide teaching, resources and courses that benefit the South East region.

**How to access this funding**

To submit an application for this funding, please use this link: [Endoscopy Practice Education application form](https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/healtheducationyh/application-form-5)

Please note that applications must not be submitted by individual learners themselves; all applications must be submitted on behalf of the named learner eg by a line manager/head of department/education lead etc.

The application window will open in **early** **March and will close at 9am on Tuesday 2 April 2024** to support funding being transferred in June 2024 via the NHSE Education Contract schedule if possible.

All applications will be reviewed by the NHSE SE Cancer and Diagnostics Programme team [Workforce, Training and Education]. It is possible that a second application round will run later in the year, subject to available funding but at this stage we aren’t able to confirm this.

**Expectations of organisations upon application of funding**

* If approved, all investment will be subject to reporting requirements (outlined below).
* If approved, that 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 national Programme team may keep a database of participant details (to include role, Trust, HEI/training provider).

Organisations receiving this funding will be required to provide twice-yearly updates [Sept 2024 and Feb/March 2025] relating to the status of each individual learner; guidance and templates will be provided later in the year.

**The NHSE Educator Workforce Strategy 2023**

NHS England (NHSE) published the [Educator Workforce Strategy](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.hee.nhs.uk%2Four-work%2Feducator-workforce-strategy&data=05%7C02%7Cashleigh.stewart9%40nhs.net%7Ccf1e419188ee4f5d91c408dc3a081682%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638449053604670915%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=wWbeXbZi9cA4HLSZVVaWq43QqSmVaI4i9duRQG8n7Nc%3D&reserved=0) (2023) which sets out actions to support the provision of educators which will enable growth in the healthcare workforce that is required to deliver care, now and in the future. The strategy has seven strategic priorities that underpins future PE planning and provision.

The Educator Workforce Strategy complements the [NHS Long Term Workforce Plan (2023)](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.england.nhs.uk%2Fpublication%2Fnhs-long-term-workforce-plan%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cashleigh.stewart9%40nhs.net%7Ccf1e419188ee4f5d91c408dc3a081682%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638449053604676812%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=jiZRM4uxt041QW6c5OcfuQTqq8KDXuCcYRo85XvYe6A%3D&reserved=0) and presents an opportunity to rethink the approach to enabling and sustaining high quality healthcare education and training. It calls for a re-evaluation of the roles of educators across healthcare professions to ensure that we maximise evidence-based benefits and efficiencies in opportunities to both learn inter-professionally and learn from one another.

**Who to contact if you have any queries on this offer?**

The NHSE SE Cancer and Diagnostics Programme - england.canceranddiagnostics.se@nhs.net

**Frequently Asked Questions**

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| **Question** | **Response**  |
| 1 | Can this funding be used for surgical/medical practice educators? | No, this funding stream is for practice educators from a nursing/ decontamination background.  |
| 2 | We have practice educators in endoscopy as part of our current establishment. Can we use this funding to pay their salary? | This funding should not be used for roles that Trusts are already funding. This funding could be used to increase the time of a practice educator, for example if the Trust funds 1 day per week, this funding could support an additional day in post.We encourage Trusts to put business cases forward to have practice educators in endoscopy as part of their current establishment.To support current practice educators, consider putting forward an expression of interest for upskilling of the current practice educator e.g. PG Cert in Practice Education |
| 3 | How much salary funding can Trusts apply for? | Trust can apply for funding for a practice educator in endoscopy for up to 1 day a week. However, Trusts requesting higher number of days will need to provide a good reason as to why this is necessary. For example, the role may be covering one Trust, but 4 units across an area or the individual is faculty for numerous courses that benefit the South East. When detailing costings for Practice educators for more than 1 day a week, please also state costings for just 1 day a week, e.g. (Preferred) Option 1: 2 days a week at £X; Option 2: 1 day a week at £X) |
| 4 | Can this funding be used to provide kit and equipment? | This funding is only able to be used for salary and training opportunities for practice educators in endoscopy. |
| 5 | What are the requirements of accepting this funding? | All investment will be subject to reporting requirementsAll funding must be managed appropriately in line with individual organisation’s financial management and assurance processesManagers must support their staff to access training. |