# South East Endoscopy Clinical Endoscopist 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](mailto: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 *Clinical Endoscopists* 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 **Clinical Endoscopists.**

The funding offer is designed to fund training for Clinical Endoscopists who are new or existing.

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.

Funding could be used to support:

* New trainee Clinical Endoscopists to train in their first modality (Upper GI or Colonoscopy) of the Clinical Endoscopist Training Programme
* Trainee Clinical Endoscopists to train in their second modality (Upper GI or Colonoscopy) of the Clinical Endoscopist Training Programme
* Upskilling grants for current Clinical Endoscopists, or those planning on training as Clinical Endoscopists in the next 2 years for academic modules or training that will increase the individual’s independence of practice

**Deadline for funding applications**

* To apply for funding, please complete the application form.
* **The application window is rolling for this offer**

For upskilling grants, 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. Funding will be pro rata over 2 years for the Clinical Endoscopist Training Programme.

For any queries, please email: [england.canceranddiagnostics.se@nhs.net](mailto:england.canceranddiagnostics.se@nhs.net)

**Overview**

Since April 2023, the South East Endoscopy Training Academy (SEETA) has been overseeing delivery of the HEE Clinical Endoscopy Programme for the South East Region – now known as the *SEETA Clinical Endoscopist Training Programme*.

GI endoscopic procedures, traditionally carried out by doctors, are being performed increasingly by nurses and other non-medical registered practitioners, known as clinical endoscopists (CEs) or previously known as non-medical endoscopists (NMEs). To address the increasing demand for endoscopy services, SEETA is working with senior medical and clinical endoscopists, the Joint Advisory Group in GI Endoscopy (JAG), Academy Hub Sites, and Universities to deliver this programme.

We are currently offering two training modalities:

Upper GI Training: 30-52 weeks

Colonoscopy Training: up to 78 weeks

Below is a brief overview of our programmes:

* The majority of hands on training will be at the trainee’s base hospital
* Most trainees will have an immersion training period at an Academy Hub Site
* All trainees will complete an academic module relevant to their modality
* For some trainees, SEETA will recommend an academic study skills module is completed initially
* All trainees will complete a Basic Skills Course (modality relevant) at an Academy Hub Site
* All trainees will be able to attend Endoscopic Non-Technical Skills (ENTS) Courses
* Digital Resources for theoretical knowledge and Academic writing skills are available
* Trainees will be part of the South East Clinical Endoscopist Trainee Network

We are also planning on rolling out opportunities for training in Bowel Cancer Screening. More details will be available in the coming months.

**The funding offer**

The NHSE SE Cancer & Diagnostics Programme, via the South East Endoscopy Training Academy is looking to provide revenue funding grants of up to £16,000 in 2024/25 that can be used as:

* A Training grant to support Trusts to release trainees
* A Clinical Supervision Grant to support Trusts to provide clinical teaching, education mentorship, coaching and supervision
* Academic Module fees *(circa £2,000)*
* JAG Certification fee *(£70)*

Manager’s application can be put forward for Registered Healthcare Professionals who have the support of their Trust to provide training lists, clinical supervision, time to study and service lists to be allocated on completion.

Suitable candidates could include:

* NMC Adult Nurses
* Registered Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)
* Physician Associates on the Managed Voluntary register

**How to access this funding**

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.

To submit an application, managers should submit an application form: [Template SEETA CE application form 23 24 v4.docx](https://wessex.hee.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2024/03/Template-SEETA-CE-application-form-23-24-v4.docx)

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.

**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).

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

The NHSE SE Cancer and Diagnostics Programme [england.canceranddiagnostics.se@nhs.net](mailto:england.canceranddiagnostics.se@nhs.net)

**Frequently Asked Questions**

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| **Question** | | **Response** |
| 1 | What working background could a Clinical Endoscopist come from? | Suitable candidates could include:   * NMC Adult Nurses * Registered Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) * Physician Associates on the Managed Voluntary register |
| 2 | Could an upskilling grant be used for modules to support independent prescribing? | Yes. We have had feedback from Trusts that they were limited in their ability to train clinical endoscopists as they required independent prescribing in order to be truly independently practicing.  We encourage Trusts to support trainees through independent prescribing at a time that works for the Trust and the trainee. This may be prior to hands on training as a clinical endoscopist, after training in one modality or after training in two modalities. |
| 3 | What could an upskilling grant be used for? | Upskilling grants can also be used for train the trainer courses, polypectomy courses, endoscopic non technical skills etc. If you are a manager who has identified a course that would upskill and increase the independence of one of your clinical endoscopists, contact us on: [england.clinicalendoscopy.se@nhs.net](mailto:england.clinicalendoscopy.se@nhs.net) |
| 4 | Is this funding pro rata’d? | Funding for Clinical Endoscopist Training Programme trainees training across financial years will be pro-rata’d. Funding for upskilling grants will not be pro rata’d. |
| 5 | What are the requirements of accepting this funding? | * All investment will be subject to reporting requirements * All funding must be managed appropriately in line with individual organisation’s financial management and assurance processes   Managers must support their staff to access training. |

**Other Information**

**NHS Long Term Workforce Plan (2023)**

The long-awaited [NHS England Long Term Workforce Plan](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.england.nhs.uk%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2023%2F06%2Fnhs-long-term-workforce-plan-v1.2.pdf&data=05%7C02%7Cashleigh.stewart9%40nhs.net%7Ccf1e419188ee4f5d91c408dc3a081682%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638449053604664729%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2BbFrhsZ9g1lzqnw8AIwYFA0TMvaxzzZFvP3%2B%2Bgvz4pk%3D&reserved=0) was published in 2023, outlining the case for change for all NHS workforce to deliver more patient care than ever before. This plan focuses on three priority areas of Train, Retain and Reform, which aims to make sustainable progress on core priorities for patients.