# South East Endoscopy JETS- Workforce Funding 2025/26

## 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**

## 2025/26 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 JETS-Workforce Training Grants 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 2025/26 offer for JETS-Workforce Training Grants.

The funding offer is designed to support members of the endoscopy nursing and decontamination workforce to complete JETS-Workforce ENDO 1, ENDO 2 and ENDO 3 e-learning for health, courses and competency sign off.

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.

The training grant can be used to:

* Release staff from usual duties to complete eLfH, courses or competency sign off
* Pay for course fees
* Travel, subsistence and associated training costs
* support the individual’s development, which could for example include provision for supervision/mentorship

**Deadline for funding applications**

* The application window will open on 17 March 2025 and will close at 9am on 25 April 2025
* Applications will only be accepted via the online application form (link available below).

**Please note:**

* If approved, funding will be paid directly to employer organisations via the NHSE Education Funding Agreement Schedule.
* Funding must be spent and fully utilised by 31 March 2026. All chosen courses and education must start by 31 March 2026 also.
* If funding is available, further application rounds may be held in June/July and October 2025. This is yet to be confirmed and may be subject to change.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

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| **Question** | **Response** |
| **Eligibility** | |
| Who can submit applications? | We are unable to accept applications from learners or prospective learners themselves. All applications must be submitted on behalf of a named or prospective learner, e.g by a line manager, education lead, apprenticeship lead etc. |
| Can I submit a funding application if I don’t have a confirmed name? | Yes, applications can be submitted if details are still to be confirmed. If the application is approved in principle, funding would not be paid to the organisation until these details are confirmed. |
| When can I apply for this training grant)? | Funding or specific criteria is not yet confirmed for these training grants. However, we are opening applications based on 2024/25 funding/criteria so that we are able to progress applications at pace if funding is confirmed.  Applications will open on 17 March 2025 and close at 9am on 25 April 2025. If funding remains available, further application rounds may be held in June- July 2025 and in October 2025.  We are unable to accept applications outside of these application rounds. All applications must be submitted via the online application form (link below). |
| Which professional groups can utilise this funding? | Nurses in endoscopy, healthcare support workers, decontamination staff |
| Can the funding be used to support individuals who have already received funding from NHSE via an earlier JETS-Workforce training grant? | Yes, Trusts can receive grants for an individual once for ENDO 1, once for ENDO 2 and once for ENDO 3.  So, an individual who has been supported with a grant for ENDO 1, in future years they can be supported for ENDO 2 and ENDO 3. An individual cannot be supported for the same ENDO module twice. |
| Can I change the name of the funded learner who will be benefitting from the funding once this application has been approved? | No, if the original named learner is no longer able to take up the place on programme, the application will be withdrawn and closed. You will be able to apply for a new grant in the next application round if funding is available. |
| Can my Trust receive funding for ENDO 2? | Yes. Courses related to ENDO2 are currently being drafted by the South East Endoscopy Training Academy. We aim to have these available later in 2025.  We can only offer funding for active courses, so cannot confirm funding for Trusts for ENDO 2 courses until there are dates available. In the interim, please do consider completing the free eLfH for ENDO 2. Please note, there is no funding grant available for the ENDO 2 eLfH without an identified course. |
| **Funding and financial management** | |
| What do I need consider? | Before any funding can be formally paid, assurance will be required that the organisation is happy to receive the funding and that this can be fully spent and utilised by 31 March 2026. Please link with your relevant finance lead to discuss and agree this, ideally before an application is submitted. |
| Has funding been formally confirmed for these training grants? | **No, formal national confirmation of funding for this training grant is still to be confirmed and is not guaranteed at this time.**  Applications are being invited but funding will not be confirmed until national funding is in place. |
| What is the funding period? | 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 |
| What is the funding available for this training grant? | A training grant totalling £1,040 per individual [**TBC** – this is based on 2024/25 funding total]. |
| How will this funding be paid? | The funding will be paid to the employing organisation of the learner via the NHSE Education Funding Agreement Schedule. |
| Can funding be used next financial year if we cannot spend it this year? | No, all funding provided by NHSE needs to be managed in the year of issue, no deferral will be agreed. NHSE is not able to carry forward any commitments into the next financial year and any remaining balances would have to be withdrawn and lost to your organisation. There are no exceptions allowable and no agreements to defer can be made by anyone representing NHSE. |
| **Utilisation of funding** | |
| What is the aim of this funding? | The funding offer is designed to support members of the endoscopy nursing and decontamination workforce to complete JETS-Workforce ENDO 1, ENDO 2 and ENDO 3 e-learning for health, courses and competency sign off. |
| What **can** funding be used for? | Training grants should be used by employers to support and facilitate their learners completing the identified competency group (ENDO 1/2/3). The funding can be used flexibly and is intended to help the department with helping individuals to complete the selected competency group. This could include:   * Release staff from usual duties to complete eLfH, courses or competency sign off * Payment for course fees * Travel, subsistence and associated training costs. * Clinical supervision and mentorship |
| What **can’t** the funding be used for? | The funding cannot be used for the following:   * Equipment or other capital expenditure |
| **Employer requirements of accepting this funding** | |
| Reporting | All reporting requirements, including updates against learner status, will be met. |
| Financial | All funding will be managed appropriately in line with individual organisation’s financial management and assurance processes. |
| Access to training | Managers will support their staff to access training and release them to attend |

**Overview**

In October 2024 JETS Workforce training and competencies became mandatory for the Endoscopy Workforce. There is an expectation that 10% of the workforce should have completed Level 1 (ENDO1 eLfH and ENDO1 face to face/remote training course) on Endoscopy units that are a part of the JAG standard for services and assessed via GRS and JAG Accreditation. By October 2025, this expectation will increase to 25% of the Endoscopy unit’s workforce completing Level 1 ENDO1 eLfH and ENDO1 face to face/remote training courses.

The South East Endoscopy Training Academy is looking to support the ongoing implementation of JETS Workforce by providing training grants to support uptake of the above learning opportunities.

**What is JETS Workforce?**

* JAG eLearning programme which provides the endoscopy workforce with a **structured** approach to **training, assessment, and appraisals**.
* **JETS-Workforce competency framework** is available as an online ePortfolio, linked to a range of eLfH modules and online training courses.
* JETS Workforce is made up of three different levels, **ENDO1, ENDO2 & ENDO3**. (ENDO1- Foundation & Decontamination, ENDO2- Advanced Endoscopy (in development), ENDO3- Leadership & Management and Assessing Clinical Practice).
* All members of the Endoscopy Workforce are eligible to complete ENDO1. The requirement to complete ENDO2 (in development) and ENDO3 competencies will depend on the individual’s experience.

**What are the benefits of using JETS- Workforce?**

JETS Workforce became mandatory in October 2024 with an expectation to have 10% of the workforce completing Level 1 (ENDO1 eLfH, face to face/ remote course and final sign off). This will increase to 25% of the unit’s workforce in October 2025.

* The opportunity for the endoscopy workforce to access high quality standardized training delivered by experienced training faculty.
* Units benefit from consistency in training & staff development, reducing learning gaps and increasing staff rotation, rota skills-mix and service capacity needs.
* Increase staff professional satisfaction and retention through focused time for CPD, skills improvements and self-development.

**The funding offer**

**ENDO1**

This funding offer is aimed at all members of the Endoscopy Workforce who have not yet begun training and competency through JETS Workforce.

**A training grant of £1,040** [*NOTE: this amount is based on 24/25 and may be subject to change for 2025/26*] **per staff member to allow Endoscopy Services to provide protected time for individuals to undertake the following:**

* Enrol individuals to learn how to utilise JETS-Workforce, supported by JAG.
* ENDO1 eLfH
* ENDO1 course (Face to face or remote workshop fee to JAG of £20)
* ENDO1 in house training and competence assessment
* ENDO1 witness statements
* ENDO1 reflection and final sign-off.

**ENDO2**

This funding offer is aimed at those who have completed ENDO 1 and focuses on more advanced skills in Endoscopy nursing. Please note that ENDO1 eLfH and course must be completed prior to initiating ENDO2.

**A training grant of £1,040** [*NOTE: this amount is based on 24/25 and may be subject to change for 2025/26*] **per staff member to allow Endoscopy Services to provide protected time for individuals to undertake the following:**

* ENDO2 eLfH
* ENDO2 course (Face to face fee to JAG, costing TBC)
* ENDO2 in house training and competence assessment
* ENDO2 witness statements
* ENDO2 reflection and final sign-off.

**Please note: JAG has not yet approved the South East delivery proposal for ENDO 2. Therefore, there are currently no dates available for this course. This means applications for ENDO 2 will only be provisionally approved, pending JAG approval.**

**ENDO3**

This funding offer is aimed at those who have completed ENDO 1 and have a passion for Leadership & Management and Assessing Clinical Practice. Please note that ENDO1 eLfH and course must be completed prior to initiating ENDO3.

**A training grant of £1,040** [*NOTE: this amount is based on 24/25 and may be subject to change for 2025/26*] **per staff member to allow Endoscopy Services to provide protected time for individuals to undertake the following:**

* ENDO3 eLfH
* ENDO3 course (Face to face workshop fee to JAG of £115)
* ENDO3 in house training and competence assessment
* ENDO3 witness statements
* ENDO3 reflection and final sign-off.

If for any reason the learner needs to withdraw from or is unable to complete their programme, funding will need to be returned. Payments will be made via the NHSE Education Funding Agreement schedule to the employing Trust and will not be made until a learner name and course date have been provided.

**Prioritisation**

Please note that funding for this workstream is limited. In the event we receive more applications than our budget allows, we will prioritise applications for ENDO 1.

**How to access this funding**

As a reminder, **funding is yet to be confirmed for 2025/26.**

Trust Endoscopy management are asked to review the offer and submit applications on behalf of their units. Practice Educators may also link with their Trust colleagues as part of this work to review this offer and work up plans, ensuring, where possible, Practice Educators can support learners.

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

If interested in applying for this funding offer:

* **Completion of online application** – Please complete an online application which can be accessed through this link: [JETS Application Form 2025/26](https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/healtheducationyh/2025-26-round-1-nhse-se-cancer-diagnostic-funding-application-j)
* **Deadline** All applications must be through this online application form and must be submitted by **9am on 25 April 2025.**

All applications will be reviewed by the NHSE SE Cancer and Diagnostics Programme team [Workforce, Training and Education]. Depending on the number of applications, not all may be able to be supported. A review and prioritisation exercise will take place by the Cancer and Diagnostic programme team including other colleagues where required.

If you are unable to meet the 25 April 2025 deadline, there may be further application rounds in June – July 2025 and October 2025 if funding allows; details will be shared closer to the time.

**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 (September 2025 and Feb/March 2026) relating to the status of each individual learner; a request will be sent directly to the Trust’s education team to facilitate this.

**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)

**Other Information**

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

The [NHS England Long Term Workforce Plan](https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/nhs-long-term-workforce-plan/) 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. We anticipate a refresh of this plan to be published in Spring/Summer 2025.