

# Education and Training funding offers 2025/26

## Cancer and Diagnostics programme

Workforce, Training and Education Directorate  
South East region  
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# This document...

Provides an overview of the 2025/26 education and training funding offers to support the cancer and diagnostics workforce, being overseen by the South East Cancer and Diagnostic programme. The programme sits within the Workforce, Training and Education Directorate of NHS England (WT&E). **Please note that this document is not exhaustive and is subject to change.**

## It also outlines:

- the partners that the programme will work with to support delivery of cancer and diagnostic services by having the right people, with the right skills, in the right roles at the right time. The programme continues to work with systems and partners to support areas including community diagnostic centres, elective recovery and workforce transformation which may not link directly to a specific funded offer.
- It does *not* include details relating to the expansion of formal scientific and medical training programmes in the region or work led by other teams, including nationally led funded initiatives.

## It is intended to:

- provide information to support organisations and systems with their workforce strategies and plans

## Important - please kindly note:

- nationally, funding and specific linked criteria are still being confirmed against some items so these may be subject to change
- the programme team will link directly with relevant teams/departments as part of managing funded offers, however, please do get in touch if you would like more information on anything outlined in this summary

For more information or if you have any queries, please contact [england.canceranddiagnostics.se@nhs.net](mailto:england.canceranddiagnostics.se@nhs.net)



# Programme overview

The programme works across the breadth of cancer and diagnostics.

For **cancer**, this includes prevention, screening, earlier and faster diagnosis, earlier treatment and living with and beyond cancer.

For **diagnostics**, this includes endoscopy, genomics, imaging, pathology and physiological science.

The programme is nationally-funded and is responsible for managing a broad range of Cancer and Diagnostic funded education and training offers for the **South East Region**.

The programme works in partnership with Clinical Networks, Cancer Alliances, NHS Trusts and Departments, and others to support the workforce and maximise the uptake of these offers.

This work supports nationally agreed ambitions to **increase the number of learners**, and **grow the number of staff in post** in identified cancer and diagnostic professions.

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You can also find out more about the Programme on our [Futures page](#).

# Additional NHSE SE WT&E contacts

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Loryn is a Consultant Therapeutic Radiographer working in radiotherapy and oncology. She is passionate about Advanced Practice and its pivotal role in workforce transformation.

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The Centre for Advancing Practice shapes the future of advanced practice through the development of national frameworks, accreditation of education and training, and workforce transformation initiatives.

This is then fed down to the regional faculties who:

- Provide funding support for advanced practitioners
- Provide support for trainees
- Support stakeholders with workforce planning
- Monitor quality and governance
- Lead on key national workstreams

## Lisa Ayers, HSST Training Programme Director and South East Associate Dean for Healthcare Science

Lisa trained as a Consultant Clinical Scientist in Clinical Immunology.

Now as a Training Programme Director she supports

- Trainees on the ETP, STP and HSST programmes
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The SE Cancer & Diagnostics programme also works closely with multiple NHSE South East WT&E teams to ensure their work is informed by wider medical, clinical and scientific and educational expertise. These teams include:

- Postgraduate Medical and Dental
- Clinical Professions
- Education Commissioning
- Advancing Practice
- Pharmacy
- Workforce Supply & Innovation, including Long Term Workforce Plan

# Partnership working

Key to the success of the programme is direct partnership working with multiple organisations to implement education and training offers. This can require cross boundary and organisational working. Below is an overview of some of the partnerships in place, many of which have additional diagnostics or cancer focused teams and structures.

The programme, based within the NHSE SE W,T&E Directorate, also works closely with other NHSE programmes in the region as well as those that share boundaries and at national level.

Integrated Care Boards & their providers	Hampshire and Isle of Wight	Dorset	Swindon (Bath Swindon & Wiltshire)	Buckinghamshire Oxfordshire & Berkshire West	Frimley Health & Care	Surrey Heartlands	Sussex Health & Care Partnership	Kent & Medway
NHSE Local Office – WT&E Deaneries	Wessex			Thames Valley <i>Inc MKUH &amp; CNWL – MK &amp; Wexham Park and Heatherwood</i>		Kent, Surrey & Sussex <i>Inc Frimley Park Hospital</i>		
Cancer Alliances	Wessex		Thames Valley		Surrey & Sussex			Kent & Medway
Radiotherapy Operational Delivery Networks	Wessex and Thames Valley				West London, Surrey & Sussex			South East London, Kent and Medway
Imaging Networks	SE3		SW1 <i>In South West</i>	SE1 <i>Inc MKUH NHS Trust</i>	SE2			SE4
Pathology Networks	South 6		South 3 <i>In South West</i>	South 4 <i>NB – Royal Berks is in South 5</i>	South 5 <i>(NB – Surrey &amp; Sussex Healthcare Trust is in South 7)</i>		South 7	South 8
Genomic Lab Hubs & Medicine Service Alliance	Central & South				South East			

# Outline of funded offers

The following slides outline what education and training funded offers the programme expects to be able to support in 2025/26. Please note that this may be subject to change.

Details on funded offers can be found on the programme's dedicated webpages via this link

[Cancer & Diagnostics Education and Training Funding Opportunities 2025/26](#)

# Funded activity: Cancer

Cancer portfolio lead: Tessa Candy

Investment (initiative)	Type of funding	Description	Regional ambition	Activity Lead
Chemotherapy nursing	Training grants	Supporting the development of aspiring and existing chemotherapy nurses to meet identified development needs across specialist areas of training, leadership, communication and research.	50	Thomas Tuckey
Cancer nurse specialists	Training grants	Supporting the development of aspiring and existing Cancer Nurse Specialists to meet identified development needs across specialist areas of training, leadership, communication and research.	150	
Care and Pathway Navigators	Training grants	Explore new routes into and the development of care/pathway navigators, including upskilling and apprenticeships, to maximise impact of the roles.	30	

# Funded activity: Endoscopy

Endoscopy portfolio lead: Siobhan O'Donnell

Investment (initiative)	Type of funding	Description	Regional ambition	Activity Lead
Clinical endoscopy programme	Training grants	Fully funded intensive training programme (both academic and clinical education and training), to train and upskill existing healthcare staff to become proficient clinical endoscopists, increasing capacity to allow consultants to perform more complex cases (including screening).	18	Monika Obalka
JETS Workforce Programme	Training grants	Supporting endoscopy workforce training and competency assessments using the JAG developed and approved blended learning JETS workforce programme.	115	
Practice Education	Salary support	Supporting registered professionals who facilitate and support clinically based learning within each regional endoscopy unit, across various levels. Reduced funding in 2025/26 so further review of the regional funding approach is currently underway with details to be confirmed.	TBC	Siobhan O'Donnell
Training Academy	Various	<p>Longer term model for sustainable multi-professional endoscopy training, increasing the number of learners and accelerating transition to the endoscopy workforce. Focus on training and education of the future workforce, using regional resources, co-ordination and innovative delivery.</p> <p>The Academy is supported by a regional core team, including medical and clinical leadership, and works closely with training hubs sites and other partners to deliver the regional Academy priorities alongside national objectives which are being finalised for 2025/26.</p>		<p>Siobhan O'Donnell</p> <p>Monika Obalka</p>



# Funded activity: Imaging

Imaging portfolio lead: Tessa Candy

Investment (initiative)	Type of funding	Description	Regional ambition	Activity Lead
Reporting radiographer training	Training grants	To support the upskilling of radiographers in image interpretation and reporting, increasing the number of radiographers who can contribute to image interpretation and reporting within clinical imaging teams.	40	Leslee Henry
Imaging Apprenticeships	Training grants	Development of radiographers and support staff at all levels of the career path through apprenticeship programmes from Level 3 – Level 6.	64	Hollie Dalton
Medical Physics technologists training	Training grants	Supporting employers to train medical physics technologists via Healthcare Science Practitioner Level 6 Apprenticeship in Medical Physics or the IPEM Clinical Technologist Training Scheme.	8	Tessa Candy
Career Development and Upskilling	Training grants	To support the upskilling of the registered imaging and radiography workforce, working at all practice levels, in alignment with professional career and capability frameworks, through all four core pillars of practice; clinical, education, research and leadership.	100	Tessa Candy
Practice Education	Salary support	To facilitate high quality and sustainable practice education provision to support the growth in the numbers of learners within the NHS as well as promote and improve key issues such as retention, career development and job satisfaction.	TBC	Tessa Candy
Training Academy	Various	<p>Longer term model for sustainable multi-professional imaging training, increasing the number of learners and accelerating transition to the imaging workforce. Focus on training and education of the future workforce, using regional resources, co-ordination and innovative delivery.</p> <p>The Academy is supported by a regional core team, including medical and clinical leadership, and works closely with Imaging Networks and other partners to deliver the regional Academy priorities alongside national objectives which are being finalised for 2025/26.</p>		<p>Leslee Henry</p> <p>Hollie Dalton</p>

# Funded activity: Pathology

Pathology portfolio lead: Siobhan O'Donnell				
Investment (initiative)	Type of funding	Description	Regional ambition	Activity Lead
Pathology apprenticeships	Training grants	Development of the pathology workforce through wider apprenticeships across Pathology and Life Sciences for Level, 2, 4 and 6.	17	Thomas Tuckey
Practice Education	Salary support	Increasing the provision of high-quality clinical supervision, education and assessment for learners on formal scientific programmes across pathology. Reduced funding in 2025/26 means that funding offers will be limited to practice educators providing hands on support to those on specific programmes (e.g STP, HSST and PTP).	TBC	Siobhan O'Donnell

# Funded activity: Physiological Science

Physiological Science portfolio lead: Siobhan O'Donnell

Investment (initiative)	Type of funding	Description	Regional ambition	Activity Lead
Physiological Science apprenticeships	Training grants	Supporting apprenticeships at Level 2, 4 and 6 in physiological science, prioritising Level 2 and Level 4 in Cardio-Respiratory and Sleep.	28	Thomas Tuckey
Practice Education	Salary support	Increasing the provision of high-quality clinical supervision, education and assessment for learners on formal scientific programmes across physiological science. Reduced funding in 2025/26 means that funding offers will be limited to practice educators providing hands on support to those on specific programmes (e.g. ETP, STP, HSST and PTP).	TBC	Siobhan O'Donnell