# South East Imaging Reporting Radiography Funding 2025/26 ROUND 2

## 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**

This document details the 2025/26 offer for **Reporting Radiography** expressions of interest.

The funding offer is designed to continue the increase of radiographers contributing to image interpretation and reporting within clinical imaging teams.

**This funding**

* Is available to support existing HCPC registered Diagnostic Radiographers working in a South East NHS organisation.
* Can be used to upskill reporting radiography workforce specifically to develop capability in image interpretation, and reporting, and integration of their new skills into local service provision.
* can be used for a Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma, or part of a wider ‘Advanced Practice’ Programme of study, which will already exist within the nationally approved [Society and College of Radiographers (ScoR) list.](https://www.collegeofradiographers.ac.uk/education/post-registration-courses)
* comprises of funding for course fees, clinical supervision grant for education mentorship, coaching and supervision and provision of protected learning spaces, and a training grant to support and enable Trusts to release trainees.
* May be paid pro-rata across two financial years, dependent on the cohort start month.
* Being offered to all NHS Trusts within SE Imaging Network geographies. This includes Trusts within Dorset ICS [SE3 Imaging Network] and Milton Keynes University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust [part of SE1 Imaging Network].

**Deadline for funding applications**

* The application window will open on 9 June 2025 and will close at 9am on 11 July 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 will be held in October 2025. This is to be confirmed and may subject to change.
* Outcomes for applications submitted in Round 1 (March/April) have been communicated. There is no need to resubmit earlier applications

**Frequently Asked Questions**

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| **Question** | **Response** |
| **Eligibility** |
| Who can submit an application? | 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 for my learner or they have yet to be accepted onto an accredited programme? | Yes, applications can be submitted details are still to be confirmed. If the application approved in principle, funding would not be paid to the organisation until these details are confirmed. |
| When can I apply for this training grant to support my learner(s)? | Applications will open on 9 June 2025 and close at 9am on 11 July 2025. If funding remains available, further application rounds may be held 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? | HCPC registered Radiographers only |
| Can this funding be used to support learners in their Year 2 and Year 3 of a programme [if applicable]  | No, this funding is to support the learner in their first year of programme only.  |
| When must the learner have started on their programme? | Between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026 |
| Can this funding be used for courses which don’t finish in 2025/26? | Yes. A large number of training programmes last longer than 12 months. The important date to note is that the learner must have started on programme before 31 March 2026.  |
| Can I use the funding to support more than one learner? | No, the training grant is a nationally agreed amount that to support an individual learner only |
| 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 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.  |
| Please can you advise which reporting courses are available? | Please review the SCoR link to note which reporting courses are available - [SCoR approved course list.](https://www.collegeofradiographers.ac.uk/education/post-registration-courses) Please note we are not able to approve applications for courses not on the SCoR list.  |
| **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? | **Yes, formal national confirmation of funding for this training grant has been confirmed.**  |
| What is the funding period? | 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 |
| What is the funding available for upskilling? | A training grant totalling £27,932 [**NOTE: this is based on 24/25 funding so may be subject to change for 2025/26].** Depending on the cohort start date, this may be a pro-rata’d payment across two financial years.  |
| 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 this funding be used to support ‘overhead’ costs  | No, in line with other NHSE education payments we are unable to provide funding for any overhead additional costs. This position should not have a negative impact on the salary of the learner or on the quality of the training and supervision they receive. |
| 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? | Funding is available to support existing HCPC registered radiographers and aspiring reporting radiographers working in a South East NHS organisation including Radiography, Mammography and Sonography. The aim is for Trusts to upskill their Reporting Radiography workforce specifically to develop capability in image interpretation, and reporting, through the award of a Postgraduate Certificate, or Postgraduate Diploma, and integration of their new skills into local service provision. It is intended that this offer will lead to:* Additional capacity or the release of radiologist time through additional reporting radiographer sessions.
* An increase in the proportion of examinations reported by radiographers and / or
* A reduction in the number of examinations waiting more than 10 days for interpretation and reporting.
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| What does the ‘clinical supervision grant’ mean? | This portion of funding is available for clinical education mentorship, coaching and supervision to enable postgraduate reporting radiographer students in their training. This includes a named Clinical Supervisor, who can be either a Consultant Radiologist or experience Reporting Radiographer.  |
| What can the ‘training grant’ be spent on? | This portion of the funding is available to enable and support the learner’s Trust to release the trainee. It may be used towards the cost of salary or any other costs associated with the trainee successfully completing their training programme. |
| What **can’t** the funding be used for? | The funding cannot be used for the following:* Kit & equipment
* Capital expenses
* Supporting Clinical Radiology Resident Doctors in training.
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| **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**

NHS England is committed to continuing the increase of radiographers contributing to image interpretation and reporting within clinical imaging teams. Over 140 radiographers have now undertaken approved training to help them progress towards advanced and consultant practice roles in the South East. We are looking to continue this support for 2025/26 and are writing to invite you to apply.

This offer includes:

* Financial support towards **radiographer salary during training.**
* Financial support to cover **course fees (up to 60 Masters level credits maximum).**
* Provision of **clinical education mentorship, coaching & supervision.**

Working with South East Imaging Networks, NHSE SE is offering employers an opportunity to upskill their Reporting Radiography workforce specifically to develop capability in image interpretation, and reporting, through the award of a Postgraduate Certificate, or Postgraduate Diploma, and integration of their new skills into local service provision. It is expected that Reporting Radiographers will work within the Radiology reporting team.

Several appropriate training courses offering Masters level postgraduate qualifications in either image interpretation and reporting or including this as an option in a wider ‘advanced practice’ programme of study, already exist and are nationally approved by the Society and College of Radiographers (SCoR). The approved courses are accessible at [Society and College of Radiographers (ScoR) list.](https://www.collegeofradiographers.ac.uk/education/post-registration-courses)

Interested individuals are advised to secure early agreement with their employer, and provisional course acceptance. In parallel, employers are asked to apply to NHSE SE Cancer & Diagnostics Programme [Workforce, Training and Education] who will review applications and agree funding with the employer and relevant Imaging Network.

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.

**The funding offer**

The offer to Trusts for each radiographer comprises:

* **£3,714 course fees (must be a SCoR nationally approved Masters level Training Programme - e.g. up to 60 credits – PgCert)**
* **£9,265 clinical supervision grant for education mentorship, coaching and supervision, and provision of protected learning spaces (e.g. workstations dedicated for trainee use, academy-style training hubs). Please note, a clinical supervisor can be either a Consultant Radiologist or experienced Reporting Radiographer.**
* **£14,953 training grant to support and enable Trusts to release trainees. This will be provided in 3 instalments.**
* The total package of support offered to each learner is **£27,932**

**Please note:** These amounts are based on the 2024/25 funding model and may therefore be subject to change for 2025/26.

This funding is available as **a pro-rata payment dependent upon the start date of the course; we anticipate funding being paid across two financial years [2025/26 and 2026/27].**

Payments will be made via the NHSE Education Funding Agreement schedule to the employing Trust and will not be made until all details have been received by NHSE SE.

**South East Imaging Training Academy [SE ITA] Reporting Radiography Training & Support Programme**

Subject to 2025/26 funding confirmation, the South East Imaging Training Academy is offering an additional training and support package for every trainee reporting radiographer enrolled on an approved HEI programme in 2025/26. This offer aims to enhance current provision by increasing access to essential teaching and contributing to the overall quality of training provided.

The Academy offer includes:

* Induction to the SE ITA Reporting Radiography Training and Support Programme
* Access to regular online teaching sessions
* Access to mentorship from Academy specialty faculty
* Support with clinical assessment preparation
* Advice on Preceptorship and ongoing learning opportunities

*Please note that this offer does not replace any existing offer or teaching that is offered as part of an HEI programme.*

The South East Imaging Training Academy will share enrolments details with Trusts who have successfully applied for a Reporting Radiography training grant.

**Eligibility**

Participants must be existing HCPC registered diagnostic radiographers working in an NHS organisation in England, they must have the support of their local Imaging Service Manager and /or Clinical Director: they must meet the entry requirements for postgraduate study at the chosen HEI and their training (and subsequent practice) must address an identified service need.

It is vital to continue the increase of radiographers contributing to image interpretation and reporting within clinical imaging teams. Similar to the 2024/25 offer, in order to ensure sustainability of the investment in the learner and department, we will be asking for details of the named clinical supervisor, job title and email address. [Consultant Radiologist or experienced Reporting Radiographer].

We are also interested in finding out where Trusts/departments are with ensuring sustainability and return on investment for Reporting Radiographers, and the application form therefore includes questions relating to protected reporting time in job plans and /or a protected reporting post / vacancy within the Imaging department for the trainee post qualification.

**Training courses**

Several appropriate training courses offering Masters level postgraduate qualifications in either image interpretation and reporting already exist and are nationally approved by SCoR ([Society and College of Radiographers (ScoR) list.](https://www.collegeofradiographers.ac.uk/education/post-registration-courses)).

Participants will be supported to undertake:

* Postgraduate Certificate (60 credits) covering reporting in a single clinical domain, e.g. musculoskeletal, chest, CT head etc.
* Postgraduate Diploma ‘top up’ covering additional aspects of reporting if a PgCert is already held by the radiographer.
* An option in a wider ‘advanced practice’ programme of study.

The scheme cannot be used to fund the final (research) stage of an MSc programme.

**Course completion**

Following completion, the participant will be expected to demonstrate capability in image interpretation and reporting through the award of PgCert or PgDip and integration of their new skills into local service provision.

Participants should also be able to evidence career progression, for example by re-grading into a specialist / advanced practice role. We are also interested in finding out where Trusts/departments are with ensuring sustainability and return on investment for Reporting Radiographers, and the application form therefore includes questions relating to protected reporting time in job plans and /or a protected reporting post / vacancy within the Imaging department for the trainee post qualification.

Continued clinical and academic progression will be important to support the development of expertise and enable reporting radiographers benefitting from this scheme to fully participate in MDT care, leadership and research roles and achieve professional accreditation as advanced or consultant practitioners.

**How to access this funding**

1. Link with your relevant Imaging Network Workforce Lead in the first instance; they will work with you to agree 2025/26 applications [details in the table below]
2. complete and submit an online application form.

**Deadline – 09:00 on 11 July 2025**

* Please complete the [Reporting Radiography Application Form](https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/healtheducationyh/2025-26-round-2-nhse-se-cancer-diagnostics-funding-applicatio-3)
* 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.

All applications will be reviewed by the NHSE SE Cancer and Diagnostics Programme team [Workforce, Training and Education].

If for any reason the learner needs to withdraw from or is unable to complete their Programme, funding will need to be returned to NHSE.

**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 update relating to the status of each individual learner, October 2025 and April 2026; guidance and templates will be provided later in the year.

**Further Information**

**Standard for the education and training of reporting practitioners in musculoskeletal (MSK) plain radiographs**

The Royal College of Radiologists (RCR) in collaboration with the College of Radiographers (CoR) in 2022 published the [MSK X-ray reporting standards](https://www.rcr.ac.uk/our-services/all-our-publications/clinical-radiology-publications/standards-for-the-education-and-training-of-reporting-practitioners-in-musculoskeletal-plain-radiographs/)which sets out the education and training of all healthcare professionals who report MSK plain radiographs as part of a clinical imaging service, and to ensure that the training of all reporting practitioners meets the same minimum requirements.

**Standard for the education, training, and preceptorship of reporting practitioners in adult chest X-ray**

The Royal College of Radiologists (RCR) in collaboration with the Society and College of Radiographers (SCoR) in 2023 published the [Adult chest X-ray reporting standards](https://www.rcr.ac.uk/our-services/all-our-publications/clinical-radiology-publications/standards-for-the-education-training-and-preceptorship-of-reporting-practitioners-in-adult-chest-x-ray/) which sets out the education and training required for all members of the multiprofessional team who report CXRs within a clinical imaging service.

The document is aimed at reporting practitioners, their trainers, and employers. With a framework to structure learning, guide education and training provision and to support practitioners to deliver safe and sustainable clinical practice.

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

The [NHS England Long Term Workforce Plan](https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/nhs-long-term-workforce-plan-v1.2.pdf) 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.

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

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