Funded training for Nurses based in general practice

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Email sent by Wessex LMCs to all GPs and PMs in Health Education Wessex, on Wednesday, 9 Jul 2014

Below is the text of a letter I sent out with my last email update.

So far 11 practices have expressed an interest to become part of the training of student nurses.

The proposals are to pay practices for a 6 week assessed placement. Health Education England will also pay the fees to train practice nurses to become mentors. As part of the training of student nurses it is expected that they would gain practice experience in your practice and therefore assist in meeting the demands you face in terms of workload.

There is a move to deliver more “out of hospital” care and halt the increasing reliance on hospital-based care. To deliver this, the education and training of the workforce needs to be aligned with these developments.

More student nurses and allied health care professionals need to have placements in the community and in general practice during their training. This will give greater exposure and experience to healthcare professionals who may then choose to work in out of hospital settings but will also give valuable experience and a greater understanding to those who work in the hospital setting.

Health Education Wessex, working in partnership with our local Universities and Local Medical Committee, have been working together to increase the quantity of training placements available for nursing and allied health care professional learners in ‘out of hospital’ settings.

We have secured funding to pay practices to take student nurses. We will also pay the programme fee (as applicable) for practice nurses to undertake the necessary formal mentorship education to be able to support and assess students in practice.

I'm sure you will have many further questions around the detail and this letter is merely to gauge interest and identify potential placement areas to take this work forward.

If you register your interest, a university representative will liaise with your nominated contact to discuss all the necessary placement preparation and Mentor/Student support arrangements to ensure that this is a valuable experience for all concerned.

In order to ensure that you are partnered with your most relevant local University, please register your interest in supporting student nurses in training by sending details of your practice contact to: learning@wessex.hee.nhs.uk

Thank you once again for your ambition to play a part in educating your future community workforce and we are delighted to be able to support you in this.

Best wishes

Nigel

Dr Nigel Watson

Chief Executive
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