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Local GP Support Programme – Deadline Extension

NHSE launched the **Local GP Support Programme on 21 August 2018**. Due to concerns that some GPs had not received the information they have extended the deadline for submission to **midnight on the 13 September 2018**. All applications must be emailed to the Primary Care Transformation team at england.cnetransformation@nhs.net. You can apply via this expression of interest [form](#) (application) and this [letter](#) outlines the programme details.

The programme aims to support the retention of those GPs across Cumbria and the North East who are considering leaving the system. The funding available is to be used by GPs to take time out from practice sessions to explore professional development opportunities or to do something the development of the 10 High Impact Actions within their general practice team or partnership. Options for the fund are listed below:

- GPs on the programme will have time to access personal and professional training development and appraisal
- Opportunity to engage with the Clinical Lead (via **Health Education England**) for peer support and career development
- Clinical Lead support will be offered on a one-to-one basis or as part of a focus group
- GPs on the programme can take one session away per week to explore one of the following:
- Leads for the 10 High Impact Actions – an opportunity to network with areas that have progressed the Actions and share best practice with their practice/network to encourage increased use of these working methods
- Leads to support newly qualified GPs - clinical sessions backfilled for GPs to support the retention of newly qualified GPs within their practice/network providing opportunities for networking groups and peer support
- Leads to support other clinical roles - clinical sessions backfilled for GPs to support other clinical staff within Primary Care (ANPs, Clinical Pharmacists, Physician Associates, Paramedics) within their practice/network

If you would like further information, please contact the **Primary Care Transformation Team** on england.cnetransformation@nhs.net or 01138 250526.

GDPR Survey on Subject Access Requests

We know this is a subject close to many hearts so please do respond! The introduction of GDPR, and the removal of the ability to charge to cover the costs of responding to subject access requests, is having a significant impact on practices. We are also hearing that SARs have increased significantly since these changes were made in May. This clearly has had financial and resource implications on GP practices. In order to accurately quantify the full scale of this problem, the GPC are surveying all practices across the UK to collect information on this issue.

Please click [here](#) to access the survey (only 1 response per practice).

Mental Health Therapists in Primary Care

NHS England has published this [guidance for GP practices encouraging practices to consider enabling mental health therapists to be based within their practice premises](#). The guidance, which forms part of NHS England's commitment to increase the number of mental health therapists by 3000, highlights how practices could benefit from developing a closer working relationship with local mental health therapists by doing this.

Physician Associates in Primary Care

An increasing number of practices are employing physician associates (PA) as more become available to work in general practice. [A Physician Associate in Primary Care resource pack](#) has been developed for Local Workforce Action Boards and Health Education England (HEE), which outlines

numbers and locations of PA trainees and sets out what their role is. This [letter](#) outlines HEE's commitment to the increase in PAs working in primary care

GPC Newsletter

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