

Supernumerary training post support – Cardiac Physiology intake September 2022

NES Healthcare Science has a national role in supporting the policies advanced by Scottish Government. The Government's 2019 Workforce Plan¹ included a commitment to support 30 additional cardiac physiology trainees and over half the cohort has commenced. The remaining 13 supernumerary posts are now offered as postgraduate STP trainees in lieu of a practitioner programme being available in 2022. Service is invited to express interest in these posts to receive a NES Service Level Agreement to help authorise local recruitment of trainees.

Supernumerary STP training

Trainees are appointed on 3-year fixed term contracts and are not part of a service's establishment. Towards the end of, or after training, trainees may join service by applying for an establishment post. STP training is work-based development of science graduates whose first degree is in a cognate area.

Trainees undertake short academic blocks with Newcastle or Manchester Metropolitan Universities leading to the award of a Clinical Science MSc after 3 years. Trainees also complete in-service work-based learning according to the curriculum guide for their STP specialty. The academic and work-based learning is recorded by The National School for Healthcare Science; combined, successful completers are eligible for statutory registration with the Health and Care Professions Council.

NES Healthcare Science tracks all HCS trainees and departments as part of our quality monitoring role. We work in partnership with National School colleagues. We offer support to trainees and supervisors, and can assist in linking with other specialties supporting postgraduate training for mutual learning.

Support

Direct funding for the training post(s) is offered for the 3 year's salary at AfC band 6, the academic fees and associated block costs.

Expression of interest

Cardiac physiology departments are invited to support this initiative by hosting one or more trainees. **Expressions should be by email as soon as possible to HCS@nes.scot.nhs.uk subject line: Cardiac Physiology STP**

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