

RE: Request for information around the changes taking place in

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Apprenticeship Guide.pdf;

Hi Ruth

As everyone will be aware, the Department of Health has now published its response to the Government's consultation on the reforms around education funding for nurses, midwives and allied health professionals. The decision has now been made by DH to move the funding into the Student Loan Company. The appropriate legal instruments are being enacted so that, from 2017, any student joining nursing & allied health professional degrees will not be funded by HEE, they will be funded through the Student Loan Company. HEE is now planning how it will implement the Government's commitments to funding postgraduate programmes and clinical placements for 2017/18.

There were, however, a number of courses that fell outside these reforms. HEE has been working with DH to try and find a way to resolve this and I am really pleased to say we have agreement with DH that for an interim period, whilst we look at the longer term solution, HEE will continue to commission many of these courses in 2017. To ensure we have the continuity, HEE is going to be given the resource to allow us to commission a wide range of postgraduate courses whilst we work out what the long term solution will be.

I hope you can appreciate that we are still working through all the implications at the moment and neonatal nurses will fall into that category. While we look at the long term solution, it is good that we have got that stability and certainty for 2017—2018 and in the immediate future. We will be working with partners and stakeholders to develop a long term approach to funding as part of the wider reforms for the professional groups that may be affected in the future.

One area that has been discussed as part of the whole education funding reforms is apprenticeships, which are increasingly being seen as an effective mean to raise skills and productivity of the future workforce through education and training. They range from academic level 1 to 7 and this is something we are exploring further to potentially support a wide range of programmes such as Advanced Clinical Practice going forward. I have attached a useful apprenticeship guide as a background resource for further information.

I hope this explanation clarifies the current situation as work continues and will be on-going over the coming months within HEE. As you can appreciate this should be seen within the wider context of the reforms around education funding for nurses, midwives and allied health professionals.

Happy to provide a further update and come and speak to the network, once further information is known and I am in a position to give more clarity around neonatal nurses if you would find that helpful?

Have a great weekend.

Best Wishes

Sue

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Dear Sue

Happy New Year!

I wonder if you can help provide some clarity on the changes that are happening around funding and commissioning of post registration nurse courses such as the neonatal nurse qualification?

We have recently set up a national neonatal network lead nurse forum and at our first meeting this topic was the focus of a lot of discussion, but not a lot of clarity or conviction about what was happening, why and the implications for neonatal nurse's post registration courses! Therefore I thought of you and wondered if you could provide me with further information and appropriate references to the changes that are taking place and your thoughts on the impact on the neonatal QIS and ANNP education programmes and what Units, Trusts and networks might need to do to ensure continued provision and availability of these much needed programmes?

Many thanks for any information you may be able to help me with

Kind regards

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