Next Step: Leadership and Management Fellows Programme
Transforming Healthcare through Applied Leadership

Please review the eligibility and selection criteria fully before applying for this programme.

The programme is open to senior trainees (of all disciplines; from Primary Care, Secondary Care and Mental Health). Applicants from secondary care must be within two years from their CCT date by the start of the programme. Applicants from General Practice programs must be in ST2 or above at the time of starting the programme. All applicants must still be in a training programme in the east of England at the end of July 2024.

To apply, please complete the online application form linked here. Applications must contain an up-to-date CV and the two supporting statements.

Applications must be received by 2nd June 2023. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

Completing your application

Candidates will provide personal and professional information. Candidates should refer to the selection criteria in this document, and answer all questions.

Successful candidates should be able to express important information concisely. Your personal statement will be assessed against the selection criteria.

Shortlisting is undertaken anonymously and will be judged appropriately taking into consideration each candidate’s career level.

Supporting statements

The application requires you to provide two supporting statements. The first of these is from your training programme director (or your head of school who should only be asked if your training programme director is not available). This is to ensure that taking part in the Next Steps Programme will not delay your training progression. The second statement should be from a representative from your training location(s). This is to ensure that taking part in the Next Steps Programme will not adversely affect service provision, patient safety or the training of other trainees as well as to secure support for your service improvement project.

Data protection

The data we collect is held by King’s College London in partnership the Faculty of Medical Leadership and Management (FMLM) and HEE East of England. The information you supply including, where relevant, sensitive personal data relating to you will only be shared to other individuals and organizations for the purposes of running and administering the programme.

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Attendance

Your continued application is confirmation that you agree to attend all the face-to-face sessions and agree to any change in the method of delivery should this be required.

The programme has 6 formal afternoon Masterclasses. These are delivered online and attendance at 4/6 of these is mandatory. In addition to these Masterclasses there will be 4 face-to-face sessions.

Session Dates 2023/24:

- Masterclass 1: 13\textsuperscript{th} September 2023 (online)
- **Module 1**: 5\textsuperscript{th} October 2023 British Racing School
- Masterclass 2: 8\textsuperscript{th} November 2023 (online)
- **Module 2**: 13\textsuperscript{th} December 2023 British Racing School
- Masterclass 3: 10\textsuperscript{th} January 2024 (online)
- Masterclass 4: 1\textsuperscript{st} February 2024 (online)
- **Module 3**: 22\textsuperscript{nd} February 2024 KCL Campus (TBC)
- Masterclass 5: 6\textsuperscript{th} March 2024 (online)
- Masterclass 6: 17\textsuperscript{th} April 2024 (online)
- **Module 4**: 24\textsuperscript{th} July 2024 British Racing School

For more information, please visit the [Next Step Programme](https://hee.nhs.uk) webpage.
## Eligibility Criteria: Candidate specification

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<td><strong>Qualifications</strong></td>
<td>Must hold an EoE National Training Number (NTN) and be in a substantive post in the EoE in a training programme leading to a CCT for the entire time period between commencing and completing the Next Step Programme in July 2024</td>
<td>Commitment to continue to work in the EoE post CCT</td>
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<td>For GPs: must be in ST 1 or above at the time of application and at least in ST2 at the time of commencement in the program. For all other applicants must be within 2 years of CCT date at the time of commencing in the programme</td>
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| **Support from Training Programme** | Supporting statement from Training Programme Director (or Head of School if Training Programme Director) indicating that they feel that the trainee is a suitable candidate for the programme and that they are progressing well enough with their training to be able to take on the additional commitment of the Next Step Programme without adversely affecting their training  
*Applications without this supporting statement will not be considered* |                                                                          |
| **Support from Training Site(s)** | Supporting statement from a senior staff member in each organization in which the applicant will be working for the duration of their Next Step Programme (e.g. Medical Director, Director of Medical Education, Service Lead, GP Practice Manager, GP Trainer) indicating that they are prepared to allow the trainee the time needed to complete the Next Steps Leadership Programme  
*Applications without this supporting statement will not be considered* | Supporting statement includes agreement to supervise applicant’s service improvement project |
| **ARCP outcome**           | Outcome 1 at most recent ARCP in a clinical placement                                             |                                                                          |
| **Level of experience**    | Evidence of attendance on courses addressing fundamentals of Leadership, QI and similar, which address GMC capabilities appropriate to level of training e.g., HEE Leadership Ladder, eLFH, Edward Jenner, specialty specific courses | A leadership role, e.g., Trainee Rep on a Trainee Forum or STC             |
| **Leadership experience**  |                                                                                                 | Evidence of leadership roles in in EoE                                   |
| **Personal characteristics** | Honesty and probity                                                                             | Reflective practitioner                                                  |
| **Skills**                 | Clear communicator with good writing and presentation skills, capable of constructing clear arguments |                                                                          |
Eligibility Criteria: Important notes

- Doctors working in Primary Care, Secondary Care and Mental Health Trusts are all encouraged to apply.

- Run through programme Trainees who have training number are eligible for this funding (i.e. ACF etc).

- Places will be allocated based on applications and pro rata on a geographical basis based on potential applicant numbers.

- Locally Employed Doctors (i.e. Trust Clinical or Education Fellows) are not eligible.

- Foundation Trainees are not eligible.
Selection criteria

This programme is open to eligible trainees in Primary AND Secondary care. The selection criteria will be used as part of the assessment process at the application stage of the recruitment process. In addition, it is HEE policy to ensure that places are made available equitably across the region. We would encourage all applicants to refer to and show understanding of the FMLM standards when completing their application.

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<td><strong>2. Academic / Professional</strong></td>
<td>Publications/presentation</td>
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<td>• In a run through (including GP specialty training) or higher specialty training programme in the EoE and within two training years of their expected CCT date</td>
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<td>• Still in a training programme in the EoE at the anticipated time of finishing the next step programme</td>
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<td><strong>3. Leadership and management</strong></td>
<td>Evidence of achievement outside of medicine or public health</td>
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<td>• Evidence of involvement in leadership and management commensurate with experience, with reflection of personal impact</td>
<td>Evidence of effective leadership in and outside medicine</td>
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<td>• Demonstrates an understanding of NHS management and resources</td>
<td>Evidence of altruistic behavior e.g., voluntary work</td>
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<td>• Evidence of effective team working and leadership, supported by multi-source feedback or other workplace-based assessments</td>
<td>Evidence of organizational skills (not necessarily in medicine)</td>
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<td>• Interest in/knowledge of the importance of leadership and management for clinicians</td>
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<td><strong>4. Quality/Service Improvement/Audit</strong></td>
<td>Evidence of publications / presentations/ prizes in QI</td>
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<td>• Evidence of involvement in quality improvement (QI) or completed audit cycle which:</td>
<td>Experience of using QI tools to deliver measurable QI</td>
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<td>o has had an impact</td>
<td>QI project exhibits innovation in challenging situations</td>
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<td>o focused on patient safety and clinical improvement</td>
<td>Insight into issues facing English healthcare services</td>
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<td>• Demonstrates understanding of the basic principles of audit, clinical risk management, evidence-based practice, patient safety, and clinical QI initiatives</td>
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<td>• Good knowledge of the English healthcare system including education, research, service provision, regulation, career structures, medical politics and ethical issues</td>
<td>Understanding of population health</td>
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<td>• Interest in/knowledge of the delivery of safe effective healthcare services</td>
<td>Experience of guideline or policy development</td>
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5. **Education and Teaching**
- Evidence of interest in/experience of teaching in a formal or informal role
- Evidence of interest in/experience of coaching and mentoring
- Evidence of regular teaching or formal teaching roles
- Organization of teaching programmes

6. **Skills**
- Quick to understand new information and adapt to new environment.
- Strong communication and IT skills
- Demonstrates clarity and prioritization in written/spoken communication
- Capacity to adapt language to the situation, build rapport, listen, persuade and negotiate
- Good problem solving and decision-making skills.
- The capacity to use logical thinking to solve problems and make decisions, indicating an analytical approach
- Writing experience in:
  - clinical and/or non-clinical topics
  - peer reviewed publications and/or other communication medium (e.g. blog, letters etc.)
- Experience of presenting complex information
- Leadership skills gained within the NHS or elsewhere

7. **Personal**
- Shows initiative, drive and enthusiasm
- Commitment to personal and professional development
- Seeks and acts on feedback regarding own effectiveness and areas for development
- Reflects on past performance and applies learning to current practice
- Managing others and team involvement:
  - able to work in multi-professional teams.
  - ability to show leadership, make decisions, organize, and motivate other team members
- Organization and planning:
  - Capacity to manage/prioritize time and information effectively.
  - evidence of thoroughness (is well prepared, shows self-discipline/commitment, is punctual and meets deadlines)
  - capability to work with long time scales for delivery within agencies with differing priorities
- Coping with pressure and managing uncertainty:
  - capacity to operate under pressure
  - demonstrates initiative and resilience to cope with changing circumstances
- Achievements outside of medicine or public health

8. **Probity – professional integrity**
- Demonstrates probity in all aspects of professional life
- Capacity to take responsibility for own actions

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