

Healthcare Course Funding Workshop

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01 Introduction

Introduction

- Healthcare course funding represents a complex landscape both for students, and for any university or college staff advising them
- There has been growing divergence in student finance policy for healthcare routes within the UK
- There is increasing evidence of a lack of awareness among many students as to what is now available

Introduction

This workshop will:

- Set out the full range of funding available to English and Welsh domicile students
- Provide opportunities to discuss with both SLC and NHS BSA staff how this can be better communicated to students





02 Funding for English Domiciled Students

Funding for English Domiciled Students

- Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health Profession (AHP) students commencing pre-registration courses in **England** from 1 August 2017 no longer receive NHS grants and bursaries
- Instead, they have access to the same student finance package as other undergraduate students (Tuition Fee Loan, Maintenance Loan, **Long Courses Loan**, Targeted Grants and DSA)
- This means that Nursing, Midwifery and AHP students are funded by DfE in exactly the same way as students on other eligible HE courses
- However students starting these courses can also apply for **extra support** to help with placement costs from the **NHS BSA's Learning Support Fund (LSF)**

Funding for English Domiciled Students

Courses attracting SFE support (+ NHS BSA LSF) for new students at institutions in England:

Nursing & Midwifery	Allied Health Profession (AHP) courses	
Adult Nursing	Chiropody & Podiatry	Orthotics & Prosthetics
Child Nursing	Dental Hygiene & Dental Therapy *	Physiotherapy
Learning Disability Nursing	Dietetics & Nutrition	Radiography
Mental Health Nursing	Occupational Therapy	Radiotherapy
Joint Nursing / Social Work	Operating Department Practice (ODP)	Speech & Language Therapy
Midwifery	Orthoptics	

* **New DH / DT students at the following 5 institutions are currently bursary funded:** Birmingham Dental Hospital and School of Dentistry; Bristol Dental School; Eastman Dental Hospital; Greater Manchester School for Dental Care Professionals; King's College Hospital Foundation Trust. **All new students will apply for SFE support from 2019/20**

Funding for English Domiciled Students

Support for part-time undergraduate students

Students on eligible courses can apply for:

- The standard package of undergraduate SFE support (Tuition Fee Loan, Maintenance Loan, DSA)
- Learning Support Fund from NHS BSA

Eligible courses are:

- Foundation Degree in Dental Health or Dental Therapy
- Diploma of Higher Education in Dental Health, Dental Therapy or Operating Department Practice (ODP)

Support for postgraduate students

Eligible students can apply for:

- The standard package of undergraduate SFE support (including supplementary grants if studying full-time)
- Learning Support Fund from NHS BSA



NHS BSA's Learning Support Fund

Learning Support Fund (LSF) Overview

The LSF consists of the following elements:



Child Dependants Allowance (CDA)

a non means tested allowance of £1,000 per student per year.



Travel and Dual Accommodation Expenses (TDAE)

Help with excess travel and temporary accommodation costs for students attending practice placements.



Exceptional Support Fund (ESF)

Non-repayable grant of up to £3,000 per year for students in genuine and unforeseen financial difficulty.

LSF - General Eligibility Criteria (2018/19)

All students applying for any of the LSF allowances must meet the following criteria:

- Studying on an **eligible programme** starting from **1 August 2018** onwards which leads to professional registration in either:
 - Nursing
 - Midwifery
 - An Allied Health Profession
- Eligible for, and **in receipt of, tuition fees and a maintenance loan** from the **Student Loans Company (SLC)**. Alternative arrangements are in place for people who do not take out a loan for personal reasons.
- **Actively in training**, whether academic or practice learning
- Attending a university **in England**

LSF Application System



Business Services Authority

Students should apply for LSF via our website at:

www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/learning-support-fund/manage-your-lsf-account

NHS Business Services Authority Learning Support Fund Application System - Student Record [Logout](#)

STUDENT, Demo (Mr) - LSF005463

[Student Details](#) | [Payment Summary](#)

Account Details

Date of birth	15/02/1996
Email	StudentGenericEmail@sb.nhsbsa.nhs.uk
Username	Demo1
Student reference	LSF005463

Student Details

SLC number	12345678910
Title	Mr
First name	Demo
Last name	Student
Previous names	
House number/name	1
Address line 1	Street
Address line 2	
Town/city	Town
Country	England
Post code	AA1 1AA
Mobile telephone number	123456789
Alternative telephone number	

What Do You Want To Do?

Apply For

- Child Dependents Allowance (CDA)
- Travel and Dual Accommodation Expenses (TDAE)
- Exceptional Support Fund (ESF)

Coversheet

- Generate Coversheet

Change My Details

- Password
- Email Address
- Student Details
- Equality and Diversity Answers
- Bank Details
- Security Question Answers
- Interrupt/Withdraw From Course

Documents

Document Name	Date Rec.
Child Dependents Allowance Application	04/12/2017
Student Declaration	04/12/2017

Using the LSF Application System

The LSF Application System (LSFAS) allows applicants to do the following:

- Apply for Child Dependents Allowance (online application)
- Apply for Travel and Dual Accommodation Expenses (downloadable form)
- Apply for the Exceptional Support Fund (downloadable form)

And:

- Update personal details
- Update bank details
- Notify us of a withdrawal from studies
- Print off the student coversheet - **this is needed whenever hard copy applications and/or documents are sent to us**

You can find more information about how to apply in our [guidance video](#)

Child Dependants Allowance (CDA)

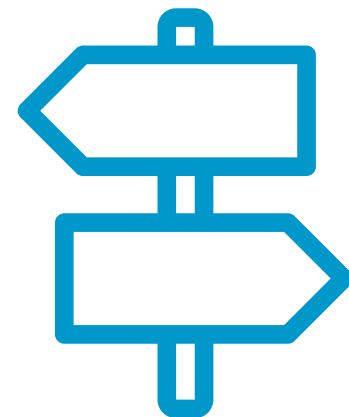
Overview

- Eligible students can claim a non-repayable grant of £1000 per student, per year. This is regardless of the number of dependent children for which the student has parental responsibility
- You must have **parental responsibility** for at least **one** child who, on the first day of the first academic year, is either **under 15 years old (or under 17 years** if the child is registered with special educational needs).
- The £1000 is payable in **three termly instalments**.
- You must claim CDA within **nine months** of the first day of the **academic year**
- CDA does **not** affect access to child support and other means of childcare funding/funding for dependants available through the higher education support system or other sources.



Travel and Dual Accommodation Expenses Overview

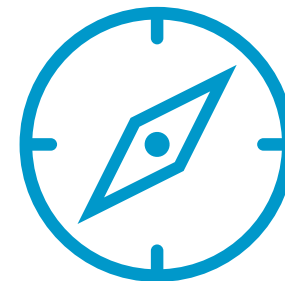
- **Reimbursement of travel** to and from your placement site where this **in excess** of your normal daily travel to and from university and, where applicable, the **additional** cost of travel to visit other practice placement sites or the homes of patients.
 - Students are expected to travel by the **cheapest form of transport** available (where it is reasonable and practical to do so)
- **Temporary accommodation** if you have to stay away from your normal term-time accommodation whilst attending a placement, **up to a maximum** set amount of £55 per night.
- Expenses claimed will be **assessed, processed and paid** in accordance with the arrangements set out in the document *Financial Support for Health Students – Learning Support Fund* which is available from our website.



Exceptional Support Fund (ESF)

Overview

- Eligible students who find themselves in unforeseen **financial hardship**, having exhausted all other available sources of funding, may be able to apply for additional help from the ESF.
- The ESF is a non-repayable grant of **up to** £3,000 per eligible student per academic year.
- The amount awarded to individual applicants depends on their **individual financial circumstances** and is subject to their demonstrating - via application form and supporting evidence - that there is a shortfall between their available income and essential day to day expenditure
- **Full detailed guidance on** how to apply for the Exceptional Support Fund is available from our website at www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/learning-support-fund/exceptional-support-fund



What ESF doesn't cover

The Exceptional Support Fund is **not** for the purpose of:

- **Emergency payments** - such as repairs to essential household equipment, stolen items, car repairs, or meeting a temporary shortfall in income, such as where a student is awaiting payment of a maintenance award or university hardship funds, reimbursement of travel expenses or requires a loan
- **Helping meet the costs of tuition fees** where the student has not taken out a tuition fee loan
- Subsidising **mismanagement of individual finances** or funding non-essential lifestyle expenditure



How is ESF calculated?

- Using a set calculation, assessors at NHSBSA Student Services will look at the evidence provided by the student to see whether there is a **shortfall between total income and essential expenditure**.
- When looking at income, it will be assumed that most students are able to supplement their income through either part-time work, holiday work, or savings, bank loans and/or family contributions and a set annual amount is applied to the calculation to cover these. Students who have dependents or caring responsibilities will not have this applied to their claim.
- Assessors will look at both **composite living costs** (set amounts for essential expenditure such as food, bills and clothes) and **variable expenditure** (costs that will vary for each student such as rent, travel and childcare).



03 Funding for Welsh Domiciled Students

Funding for Welsh Domiciled Students

- The Welsh Government is continuing to provide NHS Bursary support for eligible healthcare courses in Wales commencing in 2019/20
- Details regarding the funding available in future years are currently being reviewed by Welsh Government
- Bursary support is available to all students (Wales and rUK domiciled), but individuals must commit in advance to work in Wales post qualification for a period of two years
- Alternatively, students studying eligible healthcare courses in Wales can apply for the standard UG package of support from their home domicile



Funding for Welsh Domiciled Students



Courses attracting NHS Wales bursary support for courses in Wales (2 year commitment required)*:

Nursing & Midwifery	Allied Health Profession (AHP) courses	
Adult Nursing	Chiropody & Podiatry	Operating Department Practice (ODP)
Child Nursing	Dental Hygiene & Dental Therapy	Paramedic Practice
Learning Disability Nursing	Dietetics & Nutrition	Physiotherapy
Mental Health Nursing	Healthcare Science	Radiography
Midwifery	Occupational Therapy	Speech & Language Therapy

* Medicine and Dentistry students taking courses in Wales will be eligible for an NHS bursary after the fourth year of their course. NB no 2 year commitment to work in Wales required

* Bursary support also available for eligible students taking certain PG programmes: MSc/PG Dip Nursing, PG Dip Dietetics, PG, Dip Occupational Therapy, PG Dip/MSc Physicians Associate Studies

Funding for Welsh Domiciled Students

NHS Wales support



Eligible students can apply for:

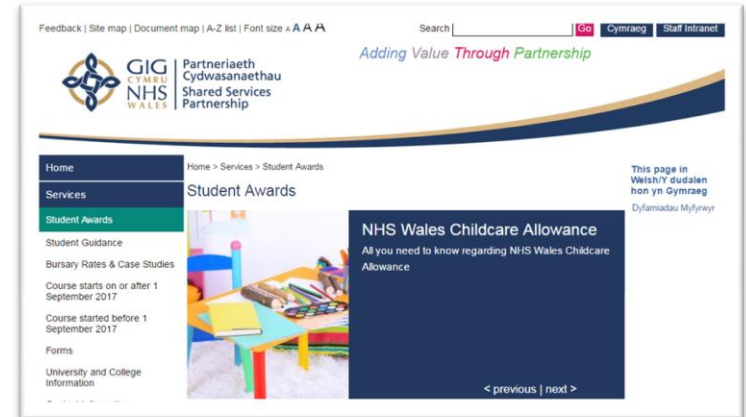
- A non means-tested grant of £1,000
- A means-tested bursary (2019/20 rates TBC)
- They will also have no tuition fees to pay.

Additional support (subject to eligibility):

- extra help if they have a disability, health condition, or caring responsibilities
- help with the costs of going on placements *

More detailed information is at

www.nwssp.wales.nhs.uk/student-awards



* Also available for students on eligible courses who don't make the 2 year commitment

Funding for Welsh Domiciled Students

Student Finance Wales support – 2019/20 figures announced



- Full-time undergraduate NHS students can also apply to Student Finance Wales for a Reduced Rate Maintenance Loan (RRML) which is not dependent on income (postgraduates are not eligible for RRML)
- 2019/20 SFW RRML figures announced, subject to approval by the National Assembly for Wales (NHS Wales support currently TBC):

	Non means-tested grant (NHS Wales)	Means tested bursary (NHS Wales)	Non means-tested loan (SFW)
Elsewhere	Currently £1,000: TBC	Currently £2,207 max: TBC	£4,110
With Parents	Currently £1,000: TBC	Currently £2,643 max: TBC	£3,420

04 Loan Repayment for Healthcare Professionals

Loan Repayment for Healthcare Professionals

- In June 2018, Royal College of Nursing (RCN) members in England voted to accept a three year pay deal
- Pay for students graduating from Nursing, Midwifery and AHP courses who go on to work for NHS England will usually be based on Band 5 pay scales
- The following tables give an indication of estimated monthly repayment amounts for staff in the
 - 2018/19 financial year, based on the current £25,000 income threshold
 - 2019/20 financial year, based on the new £25,725 income threshold (due to come into effect April 2019)



Loan Repayment for Healthcare Professionals

2018/19 financial year repayment amounts (based on **£25,000** income threshold)

Income each year before tax – BAND 5	Income from which 9% is deducted	Monthly Repayment (Approx)
£23,023	£0	£0
£23,951	£0	£0
£24,915	£0	£0
£25,934	£934	£7
£26,963	£1,963	£14
£28,050	£3,050	£22
£29,608	£4,608	£34
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Loan Repayment for Healthcare Professionals

2019/20 financial year repayment amounts (based on **£25,725** income threshold)

Income each year before tax – BAND 5	Income from which 9% is deducted	Monthly Repayment (Approx)
£24,214	£0	£0
£26,220	£495	£3
£26,220	£495	£3
£27,260	£1,535	£11
£28,358	£2,633	£19
£30,112	£4,387	£32
£30,112	£4,387	£32
£30,112	£4,387	£32



05 Communications to Students & Practitioners

Communications to Students

New signposting on student-facing websites (content agreed with NHS BSA)

Live Q&As on Facebook & Twitter with NHS BSA during SFE's Student Money Week 2019

Nursing, midwifery, and allied health courses
Courses starting from 1 August 2018

You can apply for a [Tuition Fee Loan](#), and a [loan to help with your living costs](#), from Student Finance England.

If you have a disability, including a long-term health condition, mental health condition, or specific learning difficulty, you might also be able to get [extra help](#).

My TSR > SFE Student Finance Zone

Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health courses
Courses starting from 1 August 2018


What's available

You can apply for a [Tuition Fee Loan](#) and a [loan for your living costs](#) from us.

If you have a disability, including a long-term health condition, mental-health condition or specific learning difficulty, you might also be able to get [extra help](#).

And if you have a child or an adult who depends on you financially, there are [grants available](#) to help with any extra costs you might have.

You may also be able to get extra help from the NHS through the [Learning Support Fund](#).



Expert advice on surviving student finance

Student Money Week 2019
 11-15th February
[#studentfinancesurvival](#)





Your student finance survival calendar

<p>Monday Get your kit ready Check what you can get</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Check what you can get</p>	<p>Tuesday Make a plan Consider costs, no-wasting</p> <p>THURSDAY Check what you can get</p>	<p>Wednesday Seek advice Check your money plan</p> <p>THURSDAY Top up your supplies Check what you can get</p>	<p>Thursday Check what you can get</p> <p>Friday Check what you can get</p>
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Student Finance England shared a post.

Darren and Kim from the NHS Learning Support Fund are available now to answer your questions about funding your healthcare studies at university! [#studentfinancesurvival](#) [http://low.ly/ACT73DNHtB](#)



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Darren and Kim are ready to answer all your questions about funding support available for healthcare students at university! Do you want to know what the Learn... See more

Communications to Practitioners

Practitioner website factsheets to share with students, covering change from bursary to loan funding

2017/18

Student finance for new NHS students starting a course on or after 1 August 2017

Students will have two main costs while studying: tuition fees and living costs. Students starting an NHS course on or after 1 August 2017 will no longer be eligible to apply for the NHS Bursary. Most new students will now apply to Student Finance England for funding instead.

Eligibility

Whether a student can get funding depends on their personal circumstances and their course.

Nationality and residency

To apply for funding, students must:

- be a UK national or have settled status (this means they have no restrictions on how long they can stay in the UK)
- be ordinarily resident in England, and
- have been ordinarily resident in the UK and Islands for three years before the first day of the first academic year of their course.

There are some circumstances where they may still be eligible if they don't meet these residency requirements. To find out more download the 'Student Finance Eligibility' brochure.

Previous study

Full financial support is available if the student already has a degree but they're starting a pre-registration nursing, midwifery or Allied Health Professional course (including dental hygiene and dental therapy, podiatry courses and diagnostic podiatry courses) in England on or after 1 August 2017. OS students will be able to get a Tuition Fee Loan only from us.

To get funding, students must not be professionally registered within the healthcare profession they are training for. For example, a student is professionally registered as a nurse and holds a nursing degree would not be able to get funding for a second pre-registration nursing degree.

These students should visit www.nhs.uk/nhs.uk/student-services for NHS Bursary funding information.

Course

The course must be in England and one of the following:

- nursing (adult, child, mental health)
- hearing and deafblind
- midwifery
- dietetics/nutrition
- occupational therapy
- orthotics
- orthotics prosthetics
- physiotherapy
- podiatry/podiatry
- radiography (diagnostic and therapeutic)
- speech and language therapy
- operating department practitioner

Student Finance England is a service provided by The Student Loans Company. We provide financial support on behalf of the UK Government to students from England seeking higher education in the UK.

2017/18

Funding for NHS students who started a course before 1 August 2017

National Health Service (NHS) bursaries are provided by the NHS Business Services Authority. Students studying on certain courses that lead to registration as a health care professional can apply to the NHS for funding to help with tuition fees and living costs. There is also extra help available for students in certain circumstances, for example if they have a disability or illness or an illness which depends on their lifestyle. Students who normally live in England may also be able to get a Maintenance Loan from us.

Eligibility

To be eligible for funding from the NHS, students must meet certain criteria.

Nationality and residency

To get student funding from the NHS, students must:

- have been ordinarily resident in the UK and Islands for the three years before the first day of the first academic year of their course.
- be ordinarily resident in England if they are a medical or dental student, and
- have 'settled status' (this means they have no restrictions on how long they can stay in the UK).

There are some circumstances where they may still be eligible if they don't meet these residency requirements. To find out more download the 'NHS Student Finance Eligibility' brochure.

Course

To get funding from the NHS, students must have been offered an NHS-funded place on one of the following courses:

- ophthalmology
- operating department practitioner
- dental hygiene/dental therapy
- orthotics/prosthetics
- radiography
- dentistry
- orthotics
- dietetics/nutrition
- physiotherapy
- medicine
- midwifery
- nursing
- radiography
- midwifery
- speech and language therapy
- occupational therapy

Students on some systematic courses can apply to their Local Education and Training Board (LETF) or Local Authorities Service Trust for funding.

Students should check with their university or college to make sure funding is available.

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Further details

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A Reminder to all NHS Students

Additional funding from the NHS is available through the Learner Support Fund (LSF).

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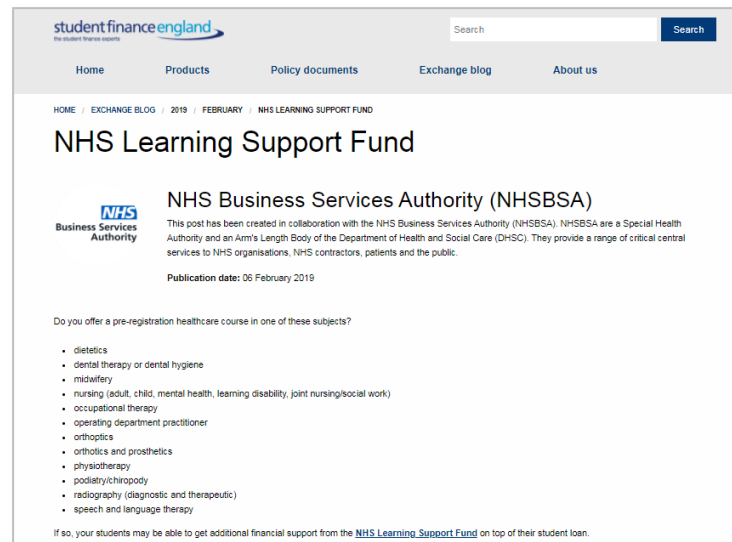
You may recall in a recent bulletin there was a reminder to all NHS students about the Learner Support Fund (LSF). In collaboration with NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) we have created an Exchange Blog post that gives further information on the LSF, the application process and links to more information.

The LSF is
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Support Fund.

Remember, the LSF is an opportunity for your NHS students to get additional financial support on top of their student loan. Read the blog post [here](#).

More information for practitioners and student eligibility criteria can be found on the [NHS Business Services Authority website](#).

Blog on LSF on SLC's practitioner website (Feb 2019)




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NHS Learning Support Fund



NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA)

This post has been created in collaboration with the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA). NHSBSA are a Special Health Authority and an Arm's Length Body of the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC). They provide a range of critical central services to NHS organisations, NHS contractors, patients and the public.

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Do you offer a pre-registration healthcare course in one of these subjects?

- dietetics
- dental therapy or dental hygiene
- midwifery
- nursing (adult, child, mental health, learning disability, joint nursing/social work)
- occupational therapy
- operating department practitioner
- orthoptics
- orthotics and prosthetics
- physiotherapy
- podiatry/chiropody
- radiography (diagnostic and therapeutic)
- speech and language therapy

If so, your students may be able to get additional financial support from the [NHS Learning Support Fund](#) on top of their student loan.

Useful information

You can find a range of useful information on our website including:

- Guidance booklets
- Department of Health and Social Care policies in full
- 'How to' guides for completing TDAE and ESF forms
- Infographics
- Eligibility criteria information
- Leaflets
- Posters
- NHSBSA Student Charter
- www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/LSF



06 Challenges & Discussion

Time to VOTE



How many full-time undergraduate Nursing, Midwifery & AHP studying at universities in England received Maintenance Loan payments in the 2017/18 Academic Year?*

- A. 21,033
- B. 23,742
- C. 25,642
- D. 27,899

* NB snapshot data for illustration only, not official statistics



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Time to VOTE



How many of these applied for Travel & Dual Accommodation Expenses support from NHS BSA's Learning Support Fund in 2017/18?*

- A. 10,762
- B. 12,213
- C. 15,387
- D. 20,004

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Discussion

- When, how and by whom should prospective healthcare students be provided with information on funding?
- Where do you direct prospective healthcare students to for information on funding?
- What else can be done to raise awareness of the LSF and improve take up?
- Would any additional guidance materials or website content from SFE & NHS BSA help?
- Can any other organisations or networks help with this?



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The slide features several decorative elements: a teal and yellow geometric shape in the top left; a blue triangle in the top right containing the SLC logo; a white grid pattern in the bottom left and bottom right corners; a vertical orange bar on the left side; and a purple and pink geometric shape in the bottom right corner.

Thank you