

Pastoral Support – GP Trainees and First 5s

Background

The scheme aims to open up opportunities for supporting GP trainees throughout their training programme and during early years in practice. This scheme is designed to promote retention of GPs in the local area who might ordinarily have been lost to other parts of the healthcare system.

It will enable Trainee GPs to create an individualised support plan based around their needs and aims to provide much needed capacity to local GP practices. The team work in conjunction with the local GP Training Programmes and will be visiting your scheme over the next year to provide more information to you. They also work with the local 1st 5 scheme supplier to provide a seamless service.

Support

Support (financial and other) for newly qualified non-EEA GP trainees. Health Education England (HEE) acts as the proxy visa sponsor for non-EEA International Medical Graduates on the GP Training Programme that require visas to live and train in the United Kingdom (UK).

After completing their training, these GPs either need to find employment with an employer that holds a tier 2 visa sponsorship licence or if they have already been in the UK for five years or more apply to normalise their status as a UK resident.

NHS England Support Package

Since 2018, NHS England has been offering a package of support including:

- Practice matching
- Funding for relocation
- Visa costs

More information on this support package can be found [here](#).

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