

3 July 2025

Dear Colleague

Student Nursing Associates

Thank you for your continued support of the Student Nursing Associate (SNA) programme.

Now in its eighth year, the role of the Nursing Associate has become an integral and valued part of the nursing family, contributing significantly to high-quality patient care and team collaboration.

We are currently gathering insights into the Student Nursing Associate (SNA) workforce and would greatly appreciate it if you could take a few moments to answer the questions below.

- What are your plans for training and supporting Nursing Associates during the 2025–2026 period?
- Have you experienced any challenges in securing employment opportunities for Nursing Associates after they have completed their training?

Could you please send your responses to england.Nursing.north@nhs.net.

We also can confirm that the training grant to support SNAs on programme is continuing for 2025 – 2026.

The funding for those commencing on programmes up to 31 March 2026 is outlined below:

- **Student Nursing Associate – Standard offer and Learning Disabilities offer**

Funding has been secured for 2025-2026 and is expected to be the same as the previous year or have a 2% uplift.

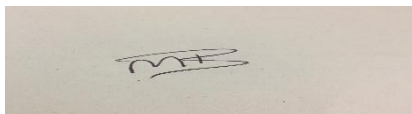
- **Payments**

Payments will be based on data collected from the Student Data Collection Tool (SDCT);

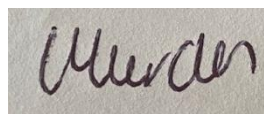
The main points are:

- Funding will only be provided for SNAs registered within the HEI returns.
- The payment schedule is at the beginning of Year 1 and 2* (*HEI will need to confirm that SNA still on programme for Year 2).

Yours faithfully

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