

To: SHA CEs

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Postgraduate Deans

Action: to release agreed funding to postgraduate deans for the implementation of Modernising Medical Careers (MMC) Foundation Programmes in 2005/06

Date: 29 July 2005

Dear Colleague

MMC: allocation of funding for 2005/06 and release to postgraduate deaneries

In March, the then Minister of State for Health, John Hutton, announced funding in excess of seventy million pounds to support the launch of the Foundation Programme in England over the next three years.

The first tranche of money is intended to support the initial set up cost for the launch of Foundation programmes in 2005/06, which is in the region of £3.7 million. These funds will be allocated to SHAs, but relate to specific local plans agreed with postgraduate deans.

The 2005/06 funding is being released specifically to enable postgraduate deans to provide:

1. Training Programme Directors (one PA per 30 trainees)
2. Administrative support (one WTE A&C3 per 60 trainees)
3. Careers guidance support, £73,200 per Deanery

Allocations will be made to SHAs in two tranches, calculated from a formula agreed nationally by COPMeD. On each occasion this will be triggered by evidence from postgraduate deans of delivery of agreed objectives and the provision of information to the Department of Health confirming trainee numbers and other supporting information. The first tranche should be allocated in August, the second later in the year on confirmation of the relevant appointments.

On receipt of these specific MMC funds, please ensure that postgraduate deans are informed and arrangements are in place to allow them able to draw down the funds to support their agreed activity.

If you have any queries on these arrangements, please contact Andrew Matthewman (andrew.matthewman@dh.gsi.gov.uk, 0113-254-6588).

Yours sincerely

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