




England

Level 7 apprenticeship funding

Summer 2025



**The Department of Health
& Social Care has agreed
funding, over 3 financial
years, to support
level 7 apprenticeships in
5 health professions**



The funding can be used for the following apprenticeships:

1. Advanced Clinical Practitioner
2. Specialist Community Public Health Nurse
3. District Nurse (Community Specialist Practice Qualification)
4. Clinical Associate in Psychology (CAP)
5. Health & Care Intelligence Specialist (PHIS)



Scope

The fund supports employers with the costs associated with Level 7 apprenticeship education, previously covered by the apprenticeship levy.

By providing this additional funding, NHS England aims to:

- continue to support the apprenticeship agenda that NHS employers have embraced
- contribute to the wider government social mobility and widening access agenda, through supporting professions and creating workforces that reflect all communities
- increase opportunities for those who may not have the financial resources to pursue registered clinical careers through the traditional academic route
- create additional workforce capacity and tackle waiting lists
- align to the 10 Year Health Plan, supporting further work when the plan and the corresponding workforce plan is published
- support the ring-fenced clinical occupations in scope although with some limited flexibility, based on workforce needs and other clinical occupations, should they come into scope



How the fund can be used

This fund is ring fenced to support the identified number of level 7 apprenticeships (details below).

It can be used to support costs to the employer for the apprenticeship education programme, payable to the university and previously funded by the apprenticeship levy, typically divided per year of programme.

For example, level 7 Advanced Clinical Practitioner would be £12,000 delivered over 3 years i.e. £4,000 per year.



Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for funding employers must commit to the following:

- Complement clinical expansion plans for the local system and region
- Prioritise working class, rural, remote and coastal areas, neighbourhood health model and prevention
- Work with their chosen training provider to deliver the number of planned apprenticeships
- Ensure sufficient placement capacity in the system
- Complete relevant activity reports



Eligibility criteria

For this funding, an eligible individual is defined as a level 7 apprentice who is:

- Undertaking an apprenticeship delivered by an approved university in the occupations identified
- Aged 22 or over*
- Not care experienced under 25 years*
- Not in receipt of an Education Health & Care Plan*

*Level 7 apprenticeships continue to be government-funded via the apprenticeship and skills levy for these groups



Employers eligible to receive the mitigation funding are:

- National organisations,
- Integrated care boards,
- NHS trusts,
- Providers of NHS and public health services and includes primary care organisations, independent providers of NHS or Local Authority commissioned services, integrated health and social care organisations, third sector charitable providers of NHS or Local Authority commissioned services or any other organisation with which the NHS or Local Authority public health has a contract to deliver services.

National numbers

Apprenticeship Role	Indicative Starts
Advanced Clinical Practitioner	1,146
Specialist Community Public Health Nurse	100
District Nurse (Community Specialist Practice Qualification)	89
Clinical Associate in Psychology (CAP)	191
Population Health Intelligence Specialists (PHIS)	48
Total	1,574

Figures based on starts for the year 2023/24, from data provided by DfE



Associated documentation

- [NHS 10 Year Health Plan](#)
- [2025 Spending Review](#)
- [Department for Education Policy on level 7 apprenticeships, and allocation of the Skills levy \(DfE funding policy\)](#)



Questions?

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