

Student Anaesthesia Associates funded training application form

NHS England has pledged to support a sustainable increase in the number of Anaesthesia Associates (AA) by providing funding to support the training of 120 student AAs per year across England.

In London, there is funding for 20 places to start in March 2024 (expected to start on the University College London (UCL) Anaesthesia and Perioperative Science MSc).

For more information, please access the [London Anaesthesia Associate training programme webpage](#).

Who can apply?

This form should be completed by NHS trusts to request funding for student AAs. This form is for London NHS trusts only, and only one Expression of Interest (EOI) should be submitted per trust.

Please submit your EOI by **Friday 1 September 2023** via anaesthesiaassociate@hee.nhs.uk. Please use the [funding guidance](#) document to help you complete this form. If you have any queries, please contact frances.marfleet@nhs.net.

1. Introduction

Organisation name (full name)	
Primary contact's name	
Primary contact's role/ job title	
Primary contact's email address	
How many AA students are you seeking funding for in 2022/23?	
Which site(s) will the AA(s) be trained in?	
When are you planning for employment and training of the AAs to start?	
Do you currently employ trained AAs in your NHS trust?	
Do you currently train AAs in your NHS trust?	
If you do not receive this NHSE funding for all/any of the trainees, does your hospital still plan to train AAs in 2022/23?	

2. Organisational support

This section should demonstrate support for introducing new AA roles to the organisation including:

- a board level sponsor has been identified and supports the EOI
- agreement to appoint NHSE-funded AAs to substantive posts within their department once training has been completed
- a track record in effectively introducing new roles.

Please confirm you have secured board level agreement and commitment for the development of the AA role within your NHS trust.	
Has the introduction of AAs been discussed and approved by stakeholders including your anaesthetic department clinical lead, DME and college tutor(s)?	
Who is/will be the designated lead for AAs in the Trust?	
What organisational commitment has been agreed for establishing the AA role beyond training?	
Please confirm that your organisation is committed to fund 50 per cent salary costs in year 2 and fully fund salary from year 3.	

3. Clinical and workforce priorities

This section should demonstrate that the EOI is clearly aligned with local workforce planning and theatre productivity targets and should present the benefits of introducing AAs to the organisation.

Please describe the trust's plans for implementing AAs as part of wider clinical and workforce planning.	
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4. Implementing / expanding AA role

This section should demonstrate your plans in terms of planning the introduction of new AA roles, including:

- provision of a local clinical lead for AA students
- provision of an educational supervisor for each student AA
- provision of weekly tutorials as per university requirements (in Trust or collaboratively with other Trusts)
- AA peer support and networks
- local governance
- readiness for General Medical Council (GMC) regulation
- ongoing Continuous Professional Development (CPD) post-qualification.

Please describe your plans for implementing or expanding the AA role into your team and service?	
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5. Quality

This section should provide details of how the quality of education and practice learning for AA trainees will be supported and acted on, consistent with NHSE's quality framework.

Has your department undertaken a mapping exercise to look at capacity to train AiTs, CESR trainees (if applicable) and AAs?	
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What assurances and processes will you put in place to provide sufficient educational capacity alongside Acute Care Common Stem (ACCS), core and higher anaesthetic trainees?	
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How will you monitor the quality of training you are providing to AAs/ all workforce groups and ensure it is of a high quality?	
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6. Future planning

This section is to inform NHSE of likely future demand for AA students. This expression of interest form is for funding for 2023/24.

How many AAs would your trust be interested in training in 2024/25?	
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How many AAs would your trust be interested in training in 2025/26?	
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7. Sign off

Please confirm agreement with the statement below.

If successful, AA students will be supported in practice and given adequate learning opportunities as per education programme specification.

Named supervisors will be identified and will provide support to the students in practice.

An appropriately banded/graded substantive AA post will be available for the students on successful completion of the education programme.

Please note that this EOI should be authorised by a board level sponsor. This

should be the Medical Director, HR Director and/or Director of Finance on behalf of the trust, prior to being submitted.

Signature	
Name	
Job title	
Date	