Paediatric Scholarships

An Opportunity to Develop your Expertise in Child Health

Building on the experience of previous cohorts of Paediatric Scholarships, NHS Education for Scotland and the Scottish Paediatric Health Education Resource Edinburgh (SPHERE) are again coming together to provide in 2017/18, a unique and exciting opportunity for GPs to develop their skills in this crucial component of primary care. Over the next year we will be offering up to 20 paediatric scholarships to GPs in Scotland.

But what is it all about?

**Purpose:**
To offer a focussed CPD experience for trained GPs with the aim that they will play an enhanced role in providing, leading or developing child health services in primary care or in the primary/secondary care interface in Scotland.

**Commitment:**
72 sessions (36 days) between Sept 2017 and June 2018 with a mix of taught elements (four modules; ten days in total) at the Scottish Paediatric Health Education Resource (SPHERE) in Edinburgh, local clinical attachments and flexible sessions.

Support

First and foremost a grant of £10,000 per scholar for the year.

... and reasonable travel and subsistence costs for attendance at the four modules in Edinburgh.

Outcomes

A Certificate of Satisfactory Completion will require engagement with at least 90% of all elements. We encourage the completion of a reflective log to meet the needs of GP appraisal to include case studies, significant event audits and reflection on local child health needs assessment. We also encourage the Diploma in Child Health (DCH) as a concrete outcome of the scholarship year and the syllabus will be consistent with achieving this aim.

Want to hear more?

A pack with full details is available from Rebecca Shearer at rebecca.shearer@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk. For informal enquiries please contact Alex Potter (a.potter@nhs.net) or Ronald MacVicar ronald.macvicar@nes.scot.nhs.uk. The closing date for applications is 8th May 2017 and, be warned; selection of successful scholars will be based on an assessment of the application rather than by interview. Support from your practice and/or local healthcare system will be crucial!