

Our ref: STP/HSST 2020/21

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Dear Colleague,

2020/21 Commissions for the Scientist Training Programme (STP) and Higher Specialist Training Programme (HSST) Programme

We are pleased to confirm that for the 2020/21 financial year, it has been agreed by HEE, that all STP trainees will be funded at contemporary AfC rates, i.e. 2020/21 agreed rates.

This includes all trainees commencing the programme in September 2020 and for all existing trainees, in years 1, 2 and 3, this will be effective from 01 April 2020.

We are undertaking a full review of education funding for HCS programmes, which will inform future funding offers and HEE will be engaging widely on this piece of work.

Requests for STP and HSST trainee posts can be made via the online [HCS 2020/21 Demand Scoping Portal](#). Please note, the online portal will close on Friday 25th October 2019.

If you have any questions regarding the commissioning process or completing the online form, please e-mail: healthcare.science.wm@hee.nhs.uk. Please feel free to share the link with regional colleagues and departments as appropriate.

We thank you for your support for the Healthcare Science profession and look forward to working with you to meet the future workforce needs.

Yours faithfully,

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