

New medical schools to open to train doctors of the future

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Five universities will be home to new medical schools offering undergraduate places under plans unveiled today to boost the number of doctors training across England.

The new medical schools are at:

- The University of Sunderland
- Edge Hill University
- Anglia Ruskin University
- University of Lincoln
- Canterbury Christ Church University and University of Kent

We worked with The Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) on the bidding process to allocate 1500 training places and select sites for new medical schools across the country that will deliver the training.

Ian Cumming, Chief Executive Health Education England and Chair of the assessment panel said:

This is great news for patients in all these different parts of the country, studies show that doctors tend to stay in the areas where they train so it means more doctors for the region to deliver high-quality care.

The extra training places demonstrate a real commitment to making sure that we have the number of doctors we need for the NHS in the future. This is part of the major expansion of 25% additional medical students. This has allowed both the creation of many new medical schools and an expansion of student numbers in existing medical schools.

The bidding process for allocating these new places has also allowed the expert panel to prioritise new student places to those areas with a relative shortage of doctors overall, or in certain specialties, and also to widen the social profile of new medical students.

Professor Wendy Reid, Director of Education and Quality and Medical Director, Health Education England

said:

The 25 per cent increase in places shows there is a real commitment to a sustainable future home-grown medical workforce, making us self-sufficient in the supply of doctors for years to come, giving more young people from diverse backgrounds the chance to become a doctor.

These extra places also give us the opportunity, with partners across health and education, to respond to NHS need, providing doctors in the specialties and places that patients need long into the future.

The five regions chosen to have a new school follows a rigorous bidding process to help train more medical students.

In October 2016 the Health Secretary announced that the number of medical training places available to students each year would be expanded from September 2018. It was announced that the government would fund up to 1500 additional student places through medical schools each year.

Total additional medical places allocated by HEFCE and HEE

Region	Institution	Allocation	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	Total
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London						137
	Queen Mary, University of London	55	23	32	-	
	Imperial College	23	23	-	-	
	University College London	12	12	-	-	
	St George's Hospital Medical School	20	20	-	-	
	King's College London	27	27	-	-	

North East						144
	University of Sunderland	100	-	50	50	
	University of Newcastle	24	24	-	-	
	University of Leeds	20	20	-	-	

North West						171
	Edge Hill University	30	-	-	30	
	Lancaster University	75	15	60	-	
	University of Central Lancashire	15	15	-	-	
	University of Liverpool	25	25	-	-	
	University of Manchester	26	26	-	-	

Yorkshire and the Humber						159
	University of Sheffield	69	19	50	-	
	Universities of Hull and York	90	25	65	-	

East Midlands						173
	University of Nottingham	44	24	20	-	
	University of Lincoln collaborative with University of Nottingham	80	-	80	-	
	University of Leicester	49	19	30	-	

East						162
	Anglia Ruskin University	100	100	-	-	
	University of East Anglia	41	16	25	-	
	University of Cambridge	21	21	-	-	

West Midlands						177
	Keele University	35	15	20	-	
	University of Warwick	16	16	-	-	
	Aston University	100	20	80	-	
	University of Birmingham	26	26	-	-	

South and South East						200
	Universities of Kent and Canterbury Christ Church	100	-	-	100	
	University of Southampton	19	19	-	-	
	University of Oxford	16	16	-	-	
	Universities of Brighton and Sussex	65	15	50	-	

South West						177
	University of Exeter	88	15	73	-	
	University of Plymouth	70	15	55	-	
	University of Bristol	19	19	-	-	

TOTAL		1,500	630	690	180	1,500
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[1] <https://www.hee.nhs.uk/our-work>

[2] <https://www.e-lfh.org.uk/>

[3] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/>

[4] <https://www.hee.nhs.uk/news-blogs-events>

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