Dear Colleague

**Market engagement exercise, May to July 2025, to secure expressions of interest to host Choices College from August 2026**

Choices College provides invaluable opportunities for young people aged 16-24 with learning difficulties/disabilities and/or autism every year, and NHS England is incredibly proud of the work it does.

During an academic year (38 weeks) Choices College supports around 200 learners over 25 sites across England. It provides work placements via a supported internship study programme, plus qualifications in maths, English, and employability skills.

Choices College, which is currently hosted by NHS England, is entirely funded through education funding agreements and service contracts via the Department for Education, commissioning local authorities and, as necessary, the Department for Work and Pensions. You can read more about the college in the attached document.

A strategic review carried out by NHS England in 2024 recognised it is crucial Choices College is hosted in the right environment to support it to develop and grow in the future. In addition, the recent announcement to integrate NHS England into the Department of Health and Social Care requires us to look at future hosting arrangements. Therefore, we are seeking initial expressions of interest.

**If you would like to find out more about this exciting opportunity to host Choices College,** **please contact us via email as soon as possible and no later than 31 July 2025.**

Expressions of interest will be followed by more in-depth conversations and due diligence into the autumn, with the aim of finding a new host for the college from August 2026.

To submit an expression of interest, ask a question or request a conversation, please email england.choices.college.future@nhs.net.

Yours faithfully



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