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Dear Colleagues,

RE: Continuity of Carer Training Fund - Supporting the training and upskilling of the workforce to enable the implementation of Continuity of Carer

The Maternity Transformation Programme (MTP) led by NHS England is delivering the vision outlined in Better Births to improve maternity care in England. Health Education England (HEE) is leading workstream 5 of the programme, 'Transforming the Maternity Workforce'. As part of this work, HEE have announced the **Continuity of Carer Training fund** which will support LMSs to provide education and training to maternity teams to support the implementation of Continuity of Carer.

[Refreshing NHS Plans for 2018/19](#) (p30) requires LMS to ensure that from March 2019, 20% of women at booking are placed onto continuity of carer pathways and **receive continuity of the person caring for them during pregnancy, birth, and postnatally**. **It is recognised that the implementation of continuity of carer will require a number of changes to the way maternity teams work, the training fund will provide an opportunity to equip the workforce with the skills and knowledge required to deliver high quality, safe care to women and babies within the new model.**

This exciting workforce development funding offer is aimed at all maternity service providers and organisations are invited to apply for funding via their LMS to support the training and upskilling of the workforce to enable the implementation of Continuity of Carer, in line with their LMS implementation plans. Pan regional bids will also be considered.

We are asking LMSs to support the application process and submit collaborative bid(s) up to the maximum value based on the multiple of £4,500 by the number of Trusts involved. A single provider will need to accept the funding on behalf of the collaborative and co-ordinate the funding and evaluation requirements across the organisations involved.

The programme timeline is set out below, all bids are to be submitted by midnight, **Sunday 2nd December 2018**. Please see attached application form and process guidance.

Application Process and Timeline

- **w/c 12th November** - Process for bid submission is issued to LMSs and providers
- **2nd December** - Deadline for application submission
- **w/c 3rd December** - Assessment of applications
- **w/c 10th December** - Award letter will be sent to successful bidders, outlining the terms and conditions of the funding.
- **January 2019** - Funding will be transferred via the Learning and Development Agreement (LDA) to maternity providers
- All funding will need to be spent within the financial year 2018/19 (**by 31 March 2019**)

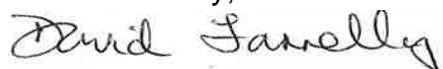
Applications will be accepted where they will deliver the 4 key objectives identified in the application pack, and to the delivery of the local LMS plan in respect of Continuity of Carer. Applications will need to detail a clear case for the training and the expected outcomes that the training will deliver.

Applicants must commit to spend the funding within the financial year 2018/2019 and participate in an evaluation process to evidence the impact the training has had in achieving the 20% target for women at booking to be placed onto continuity of carer pathways and receive continuity of the person caring for them during pregnancy, birth, and postnatally.

Enclosed with this letter is an application pack and submission form. Applications must be submitted to maternityprogramme@hee.nhs.uk by 02 December 2018.

We look forward to receiving your applications.

Yours sincerely,



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