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Dear Colleague,

Postgraduate Certificate in Human Factors and associated Masters programme

As part of HEE NE's Faculty of Patient Safety, we are again able to support a limited number of clinicians who wish to pursue the Postgraduate Certificate (PgC) in Human Factors that has been established at Teesside University (Postgraduate Certificate - Advancing Human Factors in Health and Social Care). Funding is also available for those who have successfully completed the PgC and wish to continue on to do a further year of study toward the associated Masters programme.

This builds upon the recent Human Factors Concordat from the National Quality Board, of which HEE is a signatory. It aims to provide individuals with an in-depth knowledge of human factors and improvement science. The PgC will require candidates to lead an improvement project that incorporates human factors principles in the delivery of healthcare within their Trust.

Interested candidates will need to submit the attached application form by the deadline of **9am Friday 5th August 2016**. The application should include an outline of the proposed improvement project, how it relates to your organisations existing priorities and work streams, and be achievable within a 24 week timeframe. It should be accompanied by a statement of support from your employer (e.g. Medical Director/Clinical Director/Director of Nursing) or Postgraduate dean confirming that you are in the position and have appropriate organisational support to bring about the identified improvements in delivery of healthcare within your workplace.

Please see the attached flyer for additional information.

The PgC commences in October 2016 with preparation for/guidance on the chosen improvement project beginning at the induction day in September. Applicants should ensure they are available to attend the induction and relevant study block dates below.

The application process is intended for any trainer or trainee of any professional group applying for a funded place on the PgC, or who wish to continue on to complete another year of the MA Advancing Quality, Safety and Governance in Health and Social Care. HEE NE will part-fund the cost of fees up to £750 for successful applicants. The remaining balance of the study fee, and any additional travel/incidental costs, will need to be met by the individual. Total course fee information is available from Teesside University finance: 01642 342167.

To express an interest in undertaking this programme, please email your completed application and statement of support to davina.robinson@ne.hee.nhs.uk by 9am **Friday 5th August 2016** Successful applicants will form an integral part of HEE NE's Faculty of Patient Safety, and will be expected to contribute to the development of the wider patient safety agenda within the region.

Applicants will be informed if your application has been successful week commencing 15 August.

Yours sincerely



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Postgraduate Dean

Study block dates for 2016-17

All applicants: 22nd September 2016, 9-5pm - programme induction (includes project discussion with programme leader)

PgC Advancing Human Factors in H&SC (all 9-5pm)

Mon 24th – Thurs 27th October 2016

Mon 5th – Thurs 8th December 2016

Mon 13th – Thurs 16th February 2017

Tues 28th – Wed 29th March 2017

Returning PgCHF students for year 1 MA Advancing Quality Safety in H&SC (all 9-5pm)

Mon 3rd – Thurs 6th October 2016

Mon 21st – Thurs 24th November 2016

Mon 30th Jan – Thurs 2nd February 2017

Thursday 23rd February 2017 (half hour assessment only)

Tues 7th – Wed 8th March 2017

Returning MA Advancing Quality Safety in H&SC dissertation/year 3 students (both 9-1pm)

Monday 10th October 2016

Monday 16th January 2017

Plus 1:1 supervision sessions by arrangement with dissertation supervisor.