



Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Shropshire Council
And
National Health Service (NHS)
For Application To
Medical Health Scholarship Scheme

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) establishes a collaboration of a general partnership between Shropshire Council and the NHS.

I. Mission

Together the parties enter this Memorandum of Understanding to mutually promote and implement a scholarship scheme for students in Shropshire studying medical related degrees at university.

Accordingly, Shropshire Council and the NHS operating under the MoU agree as follows:

II. Purpose & Scope

Shropshire Council wishes to provide financial support to students studying medical related undergraduate or postgraduate degrees and encourage them to return to the county for employment in the health sector; thus retaining local talent whilst tackling economic shortages.

The NHS in Shropshire wishes to increase employment in Shropshire and encourage young, disadvantaged people into an NHS career whilst also tackling problems of a reduced number of doctors and consultants in the county.

The scheme aims to support approximately 5 students per academic intake.

Scholarships

Proposed name: 'Sir Charles Hastings Scholarship'

1. Undergraduate Scholarship – up to 5 year bursary open to applicants studying medical related undergraduate degree at university.
2. Postgraduate Scholarship – 1 year bursary open to applicants studying medical related postgraduate degree at university.
3. Employment Scholarship – a further 1 year bursary will be open to applicants to reside and work in Shropshire for 1 year upon completion of university. (Applicants must have received undergraduate or postgraduate scholarship to revise this).

III. Responsibilities

Shropshire Council

1. Shropshire Council will be responsible for payments to students on the scholarship.
2. Funding will support student through whole university study. Payment amounts will be split accordingly over undergraduate study. If student pursues postgraduate education they will be eligible for further funding.
3. Funding will be paid to student 3 times per academic year during undergraduate study (October, February, May) and 4 times per academic year (September, December, March, June) during postgraduate study.

4. Shropshire Council will provide further funding for students who gain employment in the county upon completion of degree 'Golden Hello'.

Health Sector

1. NHS in Shropshire will create generic work experience placements aimed at pre-16 students in secondary school. The programmes must be structured for student to work in various departments giving them an insight to an NHS career. Placements should also be available in residential care homes.
2. NHS is responsible for creating a range of work experience placements across the discipline for students to attend during post-16 study. Placements should also be available in residential care homes.
3. NHS is responsible for creating structured summer placements in various NHS departments for students to attend during first 5 years of degree. Placements should also be available in residential care homes.
4. The NHS is responsible for the administration of applications, structure and accessibility of work placements. A relevant schedule of work must be in place for student to undertake during the whole time of their work placement.

Eligibility Criteria

In order to be eligible for the scholarship applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Applicants must be applying for a medical related undergraduate or postgraduate degree at university for 2014 academic year.
2. Students who do not have a medical related undergraduate degree but are applying for a medical related postgraduate degree will be considered for postgraduate scholarship.
3. Applicants must be a resident of Shropshire and resided in the county for 5 years or more.
4. Applicants must be eligible to live and work in the UK.
5. Applicants must be studying their first degree.
6. Applicant's household income should be less than £24,000 per year.
7. Applicant must show high levels of academic achievement GCSE's (A*-B grades) minimum requirement; English, maths, biology, chemistry and physics. GCE (AAA grades) minimum requirement; Chemistry and Biology plus at least one other
8. If application is for postgraduate scholarship applicant must have gained a 2:1 undergraduate degree or higher). Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) will be considered and must be stated in personal statement.

Application Process

1. Applicants must complete an online applicant form.
2. Applicants must provide evidence of university offers.
3. Applications form requires a 300 word personal statement.
4. Applicants must provide evidence showing household income is less than £24,000 a year.
5. Applications will be assessed internally by Shropshire council admin staff.
6. Successful applicant will be notified before attending university course.
7. A number of applicants will be kept on a short list should successful applicants fail to attend university.

Student Expectations

1. Student is expected to enrol at university for the start of the academic year to receive funding.
2. Students will be required to complete a generic NHS work placement between completion of A-level studies and starting university.
3. Students are expected to undertake summer work placements during first 5 years study of degree.
4. Students are advised to use funding for university resources, travel and accommodation costs.
5. Students are encouraged to seek employment within Shropshire upon completion of degree.
6. Students must notify Shropshire Council of each placement they undertake.

Communication/Marketing

1. Schools/Colleges/Sixth Forms will advertise scheme on their respective websites.
2. NHS Trust websites will provide information to potential applicants about scheme and placements.
3. Shropshire Council will market the scheme on their website where the application form will be available to download (including Shropshire Youth website).
4. Advertisements on the Shropshire Star website.
5. Shropshire News Room

Finance

1. Shropshire Council agrees to pledge £45,000 per year towards the scheme to be distributed accordingly. (see additional page for financial break down).

Administration Process

Shropshire Council

1. Applicants will apply online on Shropshire Council website by filling in online application form by December.
2. Applications will be shortlisted by Shropshire Council (department?), possible interviews based on personal statement/experience.
3. Applicants will be notified if they are un/successful by August after A-Level results.
4. Scholarship funding paid to student commencing in October once enrolled onto university course.

NHS

1. Administration of work placements dealt with by relevant NHS trusts. Applicants will apply through relevant NHS trust websites.
2. Placements allocated by NHS trusts.

Partners

- Shrewsbury & Telford Hospitals NHS Trust
- South Staffordshire & Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
- Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust
- Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group

- Shrewsbury Sixth Form College
- Shrewsbury College of Arts & Technology
- Ludlow College
- Walford & North Shropshire College
- The Marches School Academy & Sixth Form
- Bridgnorth Endowed
- Community College, Bishops Castle
- The Grove, Market Drayton
- Idsall, Shifnal
- Oldbury Wells, Bridgnorth
- Sir John Talbot, Whitchurch
- Thomas Adams, Wem
- William Brookes, Much Wenlock
- 11-16 Secondary Schools

Signed on behalf of the Leader of Shropshire Council

(Signature)

(Print Name)

Date

Signed on behalf of Childrens Services, Learning & Skills, Shropshire Council

(Signature)

(Print Name)

Date

Signed on behalf of Public Health, Shropshire Council

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Signed on behalf of Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group

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