A Fellowship Programme to support newly qualified GPs in general practice in the first 2 years of practice is not new. Following this successful programme, Health Education England is extending this to include newly qualified nurses working in general practice.

This is a funded programme and will cover not only the key clinical skills required but will also cover more general education relevant to general practice. This will include leadership, education, the wider heath care services and Quality Improvement.

The programme will also offer regular meetings with the course lead, support from experienced nurses and peer support. There is also the opportunity to access 6 sessions with a coach to explore opportunities and support nurses in their career.

Somerset training Hub is also keen to support "new to general practice" nurses. We recognise that general practice is a unique workplace and that it can sometimes be stressful and isolating, especially if working within a small team. We are therefore offering access to some of the training opportunities of the fellowship course to "new to general practice" nurses. Although this will not be funded, as with the HEE fellowship course, it will offer training and support at no cost to the nurse/practice. We are also keen to welcome nursing associates and associate practitioners.

The next intake will be Sept 2021. Please contact Alison Williams for further information. Alison.williams16@nhs.net