

Diabetic Eye Screening Programme Education and Training Update

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New Qualification;

- PHE, HEE and Skills for Health are introducing an exciting new screener qualification in 2016
- Clinical Healthcare Support Diploma in Healthcare Screening (diabetic eye screening)
- Level 3 on QCF
- Provides the non-professionally regulated staff within screening a nationally recognised qualification
- Will enable staff to have a huge number of opportunities and career progression
 - Other screening programmes
 - Maternity support workers, healthcare support workers
 - Nursing, paramedics, emergency medical technicians
 - Foundation and undergraduate degrees
- Very similar structure to the current qualification

Structure

- Core modules that cover competencies for underpinning of basic healthcare
 - Communication skills
 - Consent
 - Infection control
 - Health and safety in healthcare settings/safeguarding etc.
- Generic screening module
 - To provide all staff in screening programmes a basic understanding of screening and its importance in a healthcare setting
- Screening programme specific modules
 - Different modules for different roles
 - Screener, grader, admin etc.
 - Certain staff groups will have exemption for prior learning

Assessment

- Similar in structure to the current qualification
 - Local assessors/internal and external quality assessors
- Will take between 9-12 months to complete
- Clinical 'sign off' to enable supervised screening and grading
- Work based assessment of competence
- Core modules competencies are demonstrated utilising their roles within their departments
 - Portfolio of experience (including minimum screens and grades)
 - Clinical assessments
 - E-learning
 - On-line tests
 - Assignments
 - Test and training system
 - Case-studies/reflective practice
 - Short notes
 - Professional discussions

Awarding Organisations and Centres

- 4 awarding organisations will be able to provide the qualification across England
 - Pearson Qualifications
 - Lifetime Awarding
 - Future Quals
 - National Open College Network
- Allows more local decision making/oversight into the qualification
- Local programmes will need to determine which of these AO is best suited to provide the qualification this will usually depend on where the awarding centres are based
- Awarding centres are the local offices of the AO and they will administrate the qualification
- Most NHS trusts will be an awarding centre for one of the AO's
- Private providers/NHS trusts can register to become an awarding centre and offer the qualification

Costs

- Costs are determined by the individual awarding organisations
 - Local centres will determine the costs based on the administration and quality assurance requirements
- NDESP can no longer subsidise the qualification
 - £1000-2000/ registrant
- Funding may be available from the local education and training board within Health Education England
- Local programmes need to contact wider workforce development team within their LETB
- Dependent on local budgets and circumstances
- PHE are in discussion with senior management from HEE to obtain further clarification regarding funding from a National perspective

Next steps

- NDESP to;
 - Produce website providing local programmes with updates
 - Provide contact details of AO
 - Facilitate programmes with administration process
 - Produce new e-learning and assessment packages
 - Produce full guidance and portfolio of experience for programmes
- Local programmes to;
 - Contact and negotiate with LETB's regarding funding
 - Contact awarding organisations to determine locality of awarding centres
 - Determine which AO is best suited to provide the qualification
 - Register as awarding centre if required
 - Liaise with awarding centre to determine process for registering learners
 - Register internal assessors with awarding organisation