Chief Sustainability Officer's Clinical Fellow Scheme

Application stage comms pack (30 April to 24 May 2021)

Introduction

The core purpose of the NHS is to improve patient and community health. Climate change threatens this by undermining the foundations of good health and putting the NHS, its people, and the patients it serves at risk. As the UK's largest employer, contributing 4.6% of UK carbon emissions, the NHS is part of the challenge and the solution.

In October 2020 NHS England and NHS Improvement published the Delivering a Net Zero Health Service report, setting a clear target for the NHS to reach Net Zero by 2040 (and by 2045 including its wider supply chain).

There is a clear need for clinical leadership to drive this agenda across the health and care sector.

The Chief Sustainability Officer's Clinical Fellow Scheme represents a bold response to this demand, seeking to inspire, support and accelerate the next generation of clinical health and sustainability leaders.

Faculty of Medical Leadership and Management (FMLM) will be delivering the scheme in partnership with NHS England and NHS Improvement. FMLM oversee a broad portfolio of Clinical Fellow Schemes that aim to provide opportunities for aspiring clinical leaders to gain essential skills and experiences required for future leaders.

The scheme is open to following professional groups that meet the essential eligibility requirements:

- Allied Health Professionals
- Doctors in training
- Nurses
- Midwives
- Public Health Specialist Registrar Trainees

Applications open on Friday 30 April 2021 and close on 24 May 2021.

Please find below – short and long promotion copy along with template tweets.

Please note due to purdah restrictions sharing should be limited to internal/closed channels until 7 May, at which point external communications can begin again.

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Long copy

New fellowship seeks aspiring clinical leaders with a passion for the environment

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One of the biggest potential opportunities for carbon reduction comes from embedding sustainable approaches into the way that care is designed, developed and delivered across the system and embedding digital technology into service development. This will involve using sustainability as an additional factor in care design.

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Doctors must have completed both years of foundation training and not have gained a Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT). Nurses, midwives, and allied health professionals must have experience at team leader level equivalent to an NHS Band 7 role. All applicants must be able to meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the information pack available on the FMLM website.

Clinical fellows will meet regularly with senior members of the Greener NHS team, wider policy teams and key partners such as the Royal Colleges, to reflect on their learning and support the development of Greener NHS programmes.

Successful candidates will be employed directly with host organisations by way of a full time secondment for 12 months and will begin their clinical fellowship on 1 September 2021, ending in August 2022. .

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"The launch of the Chief Sustainability Officer's Clinical Fellow Scheme has come at a unique moment - in the year of the UK's presidency of the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26), and one year since the NHS became the world's first healthcare system to declare its ambition to become net zero.

"Now, more than ever there is a clear need for clinical leadership to drive this agenda across the health and care sector.

"The scheme provides an ideal structured learning experience for those with ambition and a passion for health and climate change. Fellows will get the unparalleled opportunity to help build a greener NHS and improve patient outcomes, working in collaboration with and being mentored by national leaders across the NHS."

Nick Watts

Chief Sustainability Officer, NHS England and NHS Improvement

For more information visit:

https://www.fmlm.ac.uk/chief-sustainability-officer%E2%80%99s-clinical-fellow-scheme

Short copy

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Aspiring clinical leader with a passion for action on climate change – the NHS's first Chief Sustainability Officer's Clinical Fellowship is open to AHPs, nurses, midwives and trainee doctors. 12 month placements with the #greeenernhs programme starting in September https://tinyurl.com/jnsvakwv

The NHS's first Chief Sustainability Officer's Clinical Fellow Scheme is now live. Calling all aspiring leaders across AHP, nursing, midwifery and trainee doctors with a passion for sustainable healthcare – join the #greenernhs team and help deliver a net zero NHS https://tinyurl.com/jnsvakwv