

**From Professor Cathy Harrison
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Dear Colleague,

PHARMACY FOUNDATION TRAINING YEAR PLACEMENT GRANT 23/24

I am writing to confirm the funding that is available for the cohort of Pharmacy Foundation Training Year (FTY) students to commence their training this year.

This year 2023/24 the Department of Health is making a total FTY grant of **£25,548** available to each contractor for each trainee pharmacist, who will be commencing their placement from July 2023. This will be subject to the registration and regulatory requirements of the Pharmaceutical Society NI (PSNI) being met by trainees, educational supervisors, and employers. The grant allows for a salary of **£20,048** for each full-time foundation year trainee and the remaining **£5,500** grant should be paid to individual contractors to include a protected employer specific funding allocation per placement to cover educational supervision and employer on-costs associated with each placement. Reductions to these amounts should be made proportionately in respect of part-time placements.

A decision on the FTY intake and grant for 2024/25 will be made in the next year and advice will follow in respect of next year's student placements.

I wish to thank you for continuing to support the supervisors and future Pharmacists especially during this period of change and adjustment.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cathy Harrison".

Professor Cathy Harrison

CC: Joe Brogan, SPPG
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