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Dear colleagues,

The Clinical Entrepreneur Programme is an educational workforce development programme designed for clinicians and NHS staff who want to develop and scale their most innovative ideas for patient benefit. The programme was launched in 2016 and we have already recruited over 360 Allied Health Professionals, Doctors, Dentists and Healthcare Scientists, Nurses and Midwives and Pharmacists from a range of diverse backgrounds. Places on this prestigious programme will be offered, through competitive process, to applicants who have developed clinical innovations to improve patient care and support service redesign through commercial and non-commercial enterprises.

The programme is managed jointly by NHS England and Health Education England, and has been developed with entrepreneurial clinicians, academic leaders and industry partners. The curriculum covers all aspects of setting up and running a small business, including attracting investors, applying for funding, and ensuring appropriate corporate governance. Support on the programme includes:

- Mentoring and coaching – from an acclaimed international faculty including commercial and public sector, financial, clinical, academic, and managerial leaders and achievers.
- Access to a series of educational ‘pit stops’ offering bespoke practical sessions on a range of key commercial topics.
- Customer matching – establishing relationships with providers/customers to deliver pre-commercial procurement opportunities.
- Possible entrepreneurial placements/internships – with industry, charities, social enterprises and public sector organisations with both partner-funded and self-funding options.

If you are an innovator in the NHS, we strongly encourage you to apply for this exceptional opportunity. More information is available on NHS England’s Clinical Entrepreneur Programme webpage and a link to the application portal will be live on the site in March 2019:


<https://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/innovation/clinical-entrepreneur/>

Should you wish to apply, the application process is open from 4th – 29th March. Interviews will be held end May to mid-June 2019. The programme will commence in September 2019.

Applications must include a CV, two references focusing on your entrepreneurial activity (for trainees; one of these needs to be a supporting letter from your own Training Lead) and a one-minute video showing your 'elevator pitch' for your developing clinical innovation.

For any further queries do not hesitate to contact the Innovation Team at england.innovation@nhs.net

Yours sincerely,



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