

Life Support Courses – Funding Policy (ALS, PLS, NLS) for GPSTs

Paediatric Life Support Course

This course is appropriate for GP Training and is funded by the North Western Deanery through the study leave allowance budget with the following guidance -

- The Deanery will fund a trainee to attend this course providing they do not have a current PLS certificate. If the trainee can provide the Trust with a current valid PLS certificate obtained during Foundation or other training then the Deanery will not pay for additional PLS training during that hospital post. Upon commencement of a paediatric post, the Trust must ensure that the trainee provides evidence of their PLS certificate.
- Trainees who do not hold a PLS certificate, and are required within the hospital post to attend a PLS course, must apply for study leave following the Deanery Study leave process. The Deanery will not accept an invoice from the Trust for payment for GPST places on this course; the trainee must apply for study leave funding from the Deanery in advance of the course and the Deanery will review each application individually in order to ensure funding is appropriate. Therefore if the Deanery approves the trainee's application for funding, the trainee must pay the Trust directly for their place on the course and claim reimbursement from the Deanery as per the usual study leave process.

Advanced Life Support Course

This course is appropriate for GP Training and is funded by the North Western Deanery through the study leave allowance budget with the following guidance -

- The Deanery will fund a trainee to attend this course providing they do not have a current ALS certificate. If the trainee can provide the Trust with a current valid ALS certificate obtained during Foundation or other training then the Deanery will not pay for additional ALS training during that hospital post. A requirement of completion of UK Foundation Training is that the trainee holds a current ALS certificate therefore evidence of this should be asked for by the Trust upon commencement of the hospital post.
- Trainees who do not hold a current valid ALS certificate, and are required within their hospital post to attend an ALS course, must apply for study leave following the Deanery Study leave process. The Deanery will not accept an invoice from the Trust for payment for GPST places on this course; the trainee must apply for study leave funding from the Deanery in advance of the course and the Deanery will review each application individually to ensure funding is appropriate. Therefore if the Deanery approves the trainee's application for funding, the trainee must pay the Trust directly for their place on the course and claim reimbursement from the Deanery as per the usual study leave process.

Neonatal Life Support

A certificate in NLS is not a requirement for the GP Curriculum and therefore does not meet the criteria for GPST Study Leave. GPSTs who are required by their host Trust to attend a NLS course as part of their hospital post will need to access host Trust funding to support attendance.