**The GP Retainer Scheme 2018**

The GP Retainer Scheme was relaunched in 2017 with new wider eligibility criteria and new increased incentives for practices.

**Summary of scheme**

To apply you must be a fully qualified GP and must hold full registration and a license to practice with the GMC and be on the National Medical Performers List

This scheme is for doctors who are seriously considering leaving or have left General Practice due to personal reasons (caring responsibilities or personal illness)

Decisions made for approval are by HEE and NHS England

Retained GPs can be on the scheme for a maximum of five years

**Benefits for the practice**

The practice will get £4,000 per session per annum towards the cost of employing the GP ie a 4 session GP would have a subsidy of £16,000 per annum for up to 5 years. This allowance of £76.92 per sessions supports the provision of mentoring and educational support and flexibility of employment provided to the Retainer GP (RGP).

RGP can work up to 4 sessions (16 hours 40 minutes), 208 sessions per year.

**Benefits for the GP**

Improved work life balance with other commitments e.g family, caring or other work

More likely to find flexible hours

Bursary of £1000 per session towards professional expenses

Good study leave allowance – minimum of 8 sessions/ year (1 session/ week FTE pro rota)

Acquire employment rights in the same way as normal employees

Educational supervision provided – help and advice should be available during sessions, 20 minutes a week with a supervisor (or equivalent per fortnight or month)

**Are you interested?**

Full details regarding the scheme are available on the NHS England website, with the handbook, an FAQ document, and application forms <https://www.england.nhs.uk/gp/gpfv/workforce/retained-doctor-scheme/>



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