

RCP Guide for Accessing EWTD Implementation Funding

Background

- The DH has made an **absolute commitment** to support NHS clinicians achieve EWTD compliance. £310 million has been made available in PCT allocations to support EWTD implementation for 2009-10.
- The terms and guarantee of this funding are found in two key letters from the DH: 'Gateway 11071' on the 18th December 2008 from Flora Goldhill, Director of Workforce Capacity, Analysis and HR; and 'Gateway 11334' on the 12th February 2009 from David Flory, DG NHS Finance, Performance & Operations and Clare Chapman, DG Workforce. **These letters are key to any bid to get funding.** They can be found under the 'Useful Links' section of the College's EWTD web pages.

Important Points

- Whilst a very significant amount of funding is available, it will require a significant amount of work to get hold of.
- Funding is **recurrent** (thus you can create long-term new positions)
- Funding is within the annual tariff payment from PCTs to Trusts, and therefore may already be with many trusts. However, some PCTs may have held this back. The SHAs will need to account for how this money is used and thus need to be made aware if PCTs have held EWTD funding back.
- The distribution of funding is clearly stated in 'Gateway 11334' Annexe C.
- The funding has already been divided between certain parts of the service. For acute Trusts the total amount of funding to support delivery of EWTD across **all** services (i.e. not just medicine) is 0.2% tariff. Thus a Trust has a tariff income of £200 million, EWTD funding is £400,000.
- The funding is 'to help deliver **solutions**' and thus plans must be robustly made with this as the outcome. Plans need to achieve both compliance and maintain quality of patient care and training.
- **Timing.** The aim is for compliance in August 2009. It is recognised that some solutions, for example recruitment, may take more time. Therefore business cases should reflect this, outlining planned expenditure over the financial year.
- Each SHA has a Director responsible for EWTD implementation. This is generally the SHA Workforce Director, who should be working with the SHA Medical Director. .
- The chief executive of each trust is accountable for ensuring compliance with EWTD legislation

Trusts and SHAs will be held to account at the highest level if they fail to deliver EWTD and the RCP is intimately involved in the process of assessing SHA plans. One of the RCP Regional Advisors (RA) for your region will be responsible for monitoring EWTD in your Trust.

What to do

A flow chart of how to go about accessing this funding is shown below. If you are having problems please contact either your Regional Advisor (Service) or RCP EWTD lead Dr Andrew Goddard on andrew.goddard@rcplondon.ac.uk.

