***Cross-border training and transfer***

1. **Purpose**

1.1 This statement covers arrangements for cross-border training and transfer to or from Scotland. The **Administration Agencies** overseeing training are

* The National School for Healthcare Science
* NHS Education for Scotland – Healthcare Science
* Health Education and Improvement Wales – Healthcare Science
* Department of Health – Northern Ireland

1.2 The National School Dean and Healthcare Science Leads in the above **Administration Agencies** are responsible for training arrangements in their “home” country.

1. **Scope**

2.1 The statement covers postgraduate pre-registration clinical scientist trainees and Higher Specialist Scientific trainees in Scotland.

1. **Cross-border training episodes**

3.1 Where a trainee requires a short episode of training in another devolved administration, then such an exchange will be permitted at the discretion of the “home” and recipient departments. Funding of such episodes will be the responsibility of the “home” department / administration.

3.2 Short episodes of training are defined as periods of 4-6 weeks, with a clearly defined return to the “home” department as part of the training plan.

3.3 Where short episodes of cross-border training are required, it is the responsibility of the “home” department to confirm that the recipient department is appropriately resourced and locally quality-assured to satisfy the needs of the training being sought.

1. **Cross-border transfer of training**

4.1 There is no right to transfer. Where a trainee requests a transfer to another devolved administration, for whatever reason, the “home” healthcare science Administration Agency will contact their counterpart Agency in the intended “destination” country.

4.2 A transfer will be possible subject to

* Compatibility of training pathways and training quality assurance regimes between the “home” and “destination” country.
* Funding being available in the destination country to continue the training there.
* Due diligence, to the satisfaction of the destination Administration Agency, to ensure the current state of training of the trainee is clearly compatible, documented and evidenced.
	1. Each Administration Agency is funded by its Health Department for the provision of training in that Health Department jurisdiction. There is no provision for cross-border transfer of funds for ongoing trainee sponsorship as part of a transfer request.
	2. Where a direct transfer is not possible, a trainee may apply to join training programmes in the desired country and seek recognition of prior learning.