



The FoNS Weekly News

The Social Care Nurse Development Scholarship 2025

We are delighted to announce a new scholarship open to registered social care nurses in England who have completed the FoNS NHS England supported Resilience-based Clinical Supervision Programme for Social care. We would like to thank Deborah Sturdy, Chief Nursing Officer for Adult Social Care, for enabling us to offer this fantastic opportunity.

What does it include?

- Attendance at a **5-day FoNS residential programme**, which focuses on facilitating the development of person-centred cultures. The scholarship covers the cost of programme registration, accommodation, food and reasonable travel expenses
- 12 months bespoke **mentorship** from FoNS
- The option of FoNS support to **publish, present** or **publicise** your work through academic publication, conferences or blogging
- An invitation to become part of the **FoNS Alumni**

Closing date Friday 14 February 2025. The Residential Programme is 28 April – 2 May 2025.

Telephone/video conference interviews with shortlisted applicants will be held on 10 and 11 March 2025, the internal sponsor/line manager for shortlisted candidates

Deborah Sturdy, Chief Nurse for Adult Social Care, said: *'I am delighted that the Foundation of Nursing Studies have today launched their first Social*

Care Nursing Scholarship which will support two nurses who are undertaking a development programme for the first time. The programme of development, learning and mentorship will have such a positive impact on them, helping them to grow their skills and confidence.

“The scholarship will also positively benefit their peers, employer and those they care for, by empowering and further upskilling these nurses. Most importantly, it will give them the opportunity and space to grow and flourish, in order to enhance the care they give and their own career pathway.”

FoNS CEO Joanne Bosanquet said: *‘The FoNS team and I are delighted to be able to offer this scholarship specifically for registered social care nurses. Nurses in social care are looking after some of the most vulnerable people in our society in a setting which is their ‘home’. This opportunity, and the residential programme that is part of it, is underpinned by a deep understanding of culture, and will empower the scholarship winner to work collaboratively with their residents, families and team to create compassionate cultures where change is sustainable and where people want to work.’*

Download the application form and read more on [the Social Care Scholarship pages of the website](#).

We welcome applications from diverse backgrounds.

If you are a registered nurse or nurse associate in social care and want to know more, please check out [the fully funded RBCS for social care programme](#).

The FoNS Alumni

The FoNS Alumni is open to anyone who participated in one of these FoNS Programmes:

- The Inspire Improvement Fellowship
- Any Creating Caring Cultures Programme
- The FoNS Learning Disability Aspiring Leaders Fellowship
- Teaching and Learning Care Homes
- The FoNS Residential Programme and Practice Development Schools

- The Richard Tompkins Nurse Development Scholarship
- Programmes based on the Guiding Lights model
- Patients First

How do you apply?

Email admin@fons.org with your name, preferred email address and the name of the programme you participated in (and when if possible). We will add you to the alumni mailing list and you will receive links to future events.

Next event:

10.00-12.00, 23 January 2025: Zentangle Drawing

An online session to explore the Zentangle Method. Zentangle is an art therapy, designed to calm and quieten the mind through the repetition of lines. It is an easy-to-learn art form, whereby we create patterns to promote relaxation and focus.

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