

# **Press Release: Queen's Nursing Institute and Burdett Trust For Nursing Announce New 'Fund For Innovation And Leadership' In Primary Care**



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Community nursing charity the Queen's Nursing Institute (QNI) and the Burdett Trust for Nursing have announced a new three year funding partnership to invest more than £300,000 in projects to develop innovation and nurse leadership in primary care.

The Burdett Trust for Nursing is well known for its work on leadership in acute settings, through its report 'Who cares wins', which emphasised the responsibility of nurse directors to ensure that the quality of patient care was high on the agenda of NHS Trust Boards. This new partnership with QNI extends that work into community settings, challenging nurses working outside hospitals to develop their leadership skills through innovative projects that improve care for patients.

"The Trustees of Burdett Trust for Nursing are delighted to welcome the Queen's Nursing Institute as their Funding Partner", said trustee Lady Henrietta St George. "The QNI's excellent reputation speaks for itself and the Trustees are confident that working together we can achieve sustainable innovation in services and help nurses deliver the best in patient care."

The QNI will run the programme, supporting eight projects a year with its unique and highly valued professional development workshops for project leaders, described by one participant in a previous projects programme as 'the best [personal development days] I have ever been on', and by another participant as 'inspirational and helpful in my practice.'

QNI Director Rosemary Cook said: "We are absolutely delighted to partner with the Burdett Trust for Nursing to deliver this new programme. Nurses' leadership skills have never been so important in primary care, as change and reform continues in health systems across the UK. And by combining professional development with practical projects, this programme will benefit hundreds of patients as well as nurses."

The QNI has supported nurse-led projects for 19 years, refining a series of six workshops for project leaders to include learning about evaluating outcomes, promoting a project, problem solving, creative thinking, writing for publication and obtaining future funding. In 2007, more than 3,300 people benefited from the nurse-led projects supported by QNI.

Anne Pearson, Practice Development Manager at the QNI, commented: 'This is a really exciting partnership programme. We're keen to talk to any nurse, midwife or health visitor with an idea for a project in the run up to the September deadline.'

Full information about the QNI/Burdett Fund for Innovation and Leadership can be found on the QNI website at [www.qni.org.uk](http://www.qni.org.uk). The deadline for applications is 28 September 2009, and applicants can discuss their ideas with Anne Pearson by phoning her on 020 7549 1409.

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**Notes for Editors:**

1. The Burdett Trust for Nursing is an independent charitable Trust named after Sir Henry Burdett KCB, the founder of the Royal National Pension Fund for Nurses (RNPFN). The Trust was set up in recognition of the foundation, philosophy and structure of the RNPFN. The Trustees aim to make grants to support the nursing contribution to healthcare. They hope to encourage applications from nurses and other healthcare professionals involved in a wide range of innovative projects.
2. The Queen's Nursing Institute is a registered charity, No.213128. We support community nurses in any specialty with project funding, professional development, information networks, financial and personal assistance, and work to influence national policy affecting nurses in primary care.
3. Funding of up to £5000 is available for each of up to eight projects per year, and the first round of projects will be expected to commence on 1 January 2010 and run for one year. The remainder of the overall funding will support the delivery of the training and development days for project leaders and associated core costs.

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