

## Press Release

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# New funding for nursing project to improve men's health

The Queen's Nursing Institute has announced a new project funding opportunity for nurses working in the community and primary care.

The new funding stream starts in 2017 and is specifically for projects that help improve men's health. The deadline for completed applications is 24 November 2016, projects will commence in March 2017 and last for 12 months. Funding of up to £5000 is available for up to 10 projects, along with a year-long programme of professional support from the QNI.

The programme is open to all nurses who work with male clients of any age. Full guidance and the application form are on the QNI's website, and nurses who wish to discuss their ideas in advance are encouraged to contact the QNI.

Anne Pearson, the QNI's Director of Programmes commented, 'The Men's Health Forum states that On average, more than one in five men is still dying between the ages 16 and 65, and more than two in five before the age of 75 – with death rates amongst men in the poorest areas of the country being even worse. Key areas of concern are heart disease, obesity, cancer, suicide, diabetes and poor lifestyle choices (Men's Health manifesto 2014).

'This is an opportunity for all nurses working across specialities including School Nurses, District Nurses, General Practice Nurses, Health Visitors and many others to consider developing a new initiative to support male clients.'

The new funding programme is part of the QNI's Fund for Innovation and Leadership programme, supported by the Burdett Trust for Nursing. Since 1990 the QNI has helped hundreds of nurses turn innovative ideas into reality, benefiting thousands of patients and improving nursing practice in diverse fields of healthcare.

The application guidance and application form can be seen at: [http://www.qni.org.uk/for\\_nurses/project\\_funding/apply\\_for\\_funding\\_2017](http://www.qni.org.uk/for_nurses/project_funding/apply_for_funding_2017)

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