

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS

Self-directed learning in Primary Care FAQs

1. What is the offer?

The HEE Talent for Care team is funding access to the market-leading online learning tool for numeracy and literacy from April 2020 – April 2021. This allows anyone on an apprenticeship, or on a career pathway towards an apprenticeship, to conduct self-directed study on these 'functional skill' topics, in readiness to sit an assessment. It includes an initial diagnostic assessment, which allows you and the learner to see what level they are working at when they begin the process.

2. I have learners who would benefit from accessing this self-directed learn. What do I need to do?

Simply send an email with the name of the employer and number of learners to traininghubs@hee.nhs.uk They will take everything from there. This offer is guaranteed from April 2020 – April 2021 and we encourage organisations to sign up as soon as possible. It is a quick process.

3. Does this offer cover the social care sector?

Yes. This software is available to anyone on an apprenticeship, or on a career pathway to an apprenticeship, working in the health and care sector.

4. Is there a limit to the number of learners who can sign up?

No. For the financial year April 2020 – April 2021, there is no limit on learners.

5. How can I find out more about the learning package?

Please visit our dedicated resource page, [here](#).

6. Can CCGs/Training Hubs or other co-ordinating organisations oversee learners for a geographical patch, rather than HEE?

This is the long-term plan. If you feel you are ready to do this straight away, simply email traininghubs@hee.nhs.uk to discuss it.

7. Are there any additional costs?

When your learner is ready to sit their functional skills assessment, this needs to be arranged with your local training provider and a small cost will probably be involved. For more advice on this, please [click here](#).

8. Does it include features such as dyslexia & dyscalculia screening, ESOL support, and other features?

Yes, it does include these features. If you have a specific query, please email hee@bksb.co.uk

9. Does this contract cover GCSE?

Although the product can be used to support study towards a GCSE, this is primarily for functional skills learning and we encourage it to be used for that purpose.

10. Once an individual has completed their learning on bksb and are 'exam-ready' how quickly do you envisage they will be able to access the exams?

This really depends on the learner and will vary from individual to individual. We advise that you engage with a local training provider as soon as you put someone on this package, so that their path to exam success is as smooth and efficient as possible.

11. What is the highest level of the bksb programme?

The highest level of functional skills required for an apprenticeship is level 2. This bksb package supports learning to this level and slightly beyond. The initial diagnostic test will assess what level your learner is at when they begin. For more on levels, please [click here](#).

12. Would bksb expand on the modules they are offering now?

Bksb will not be expanding their modules for this year. The offer is not guaranteed after this year so we encourage organisations to use it now.