

Pathway for applicants requesting self-funding/sponsored placements on to Specialist Practice Qualification (SPQ) (community and non-community nursing) education programmes.

AEI confirms if the applicant meets the entry criteria for the SPQ programme¹

AEI ascertains applicants preference for practice learning experience placement in rank order

AEI link with first HSC Trust² of choice to ascertain if practice learning experience placement can be facilitated

HSC Trust Head of Service contacted to confirm if practice learning placement can be accommodated

If first HSC Trust preference is not available AEI to link with remaining HSC Trusts, in rank order, until a practice learning experience placement is secured or all preferences have been exhausted

HSC Trust to feedback confirmation of practice learning experience placement to the AEI who will then inform candidate of outcome.

¹ People who use the services and representatives from relevant stakeholder groups will be involved in developing a selection of the questions for use within the selection and recruitment process.

² HSC Trust contact is the PEC/Lead for Nursing & Midwifery Education