



'Patients First'

Supporting Nurse-led Innovation in Practice: A Programme of Support for Clinically Based Nurse-led Teams

Call for Applications

'I think if FoNS continues to provide these programmes then there will be a vast improvement in the nursing profession and patient care.'

Patients First is FoNS' partnership programme with the Burdett Trust for Nursing. It enables **clinically based nurses, midwives and health visitors** to lead innovation in collaboration with patients, carers and staff to advance and improve care in any health and social care setting across the UK. Since 2009 we have supported almost 80 teams and are now **calling for applications to support a further ten nurse-led teams** to start in November 2016.

As you will see from the current diverse range of initiatives, applications can be from any area of healthcare. We are looking for people with innovative ideas, who want to engage with patients, staff and carers, who are keen to develop their own leadership/facilitation skills and who want to influence and develop person-centred practice.

For more information about the programme, current and past participants and to download an application form, visit the FoNS website at: <http://www.fons.org/programmes/patients-first.aspx> To view previous project reports, visit the library on the FoNS website at: <http://fons.org/library/project-reports.aspx>

If you have an idea for working with patients to improve care, 'putting your patients first' please contact Jo Odell, Practice Development Facilitator, to discuss your ideas and how the programme can support you in practice, either by phone 020 7307 2857 or by email jo.odell@fons.org

Any administrative enquiries and all completed applications should be sent to Debbie Warren, Administrator 020 7307 2857 or email debbie.warren@fons.org

The closing date for applications is 5pm, 7th September 2016

Telephone interviews will take place on the 27th/28th September 2016