



## **ANDREW PREVITÉ BURSARY FUND**

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#### **Background**

With the current financial constraints within the NHS it is very often difficult for health professionals to get financial support to attend education courses. This lack of financial support means that they can be working in isolation, and without the ability to develop their clinical expertise, evidence-based practice and management skills.

#### **Purpose of the Fund**

The purpose of the fund is to enable health professionals to best meet the needs of people with MS by expanding their MS knowledge and skills. Specifically it will enable health professionals who are working in a clinical role with people with MS to attend courses, conferences, study days or masterclasses to develop their clinical expertise and expand their skills base with particular emphasis on the areas of research and evaluation.

#### **Eligibility**

All health professionals who work with people with MS will be eligible to apply to the fund, although priority will be given to those working at a higher level of practice and to those working solely within the speciality of MS.

#### **Rules**

- Applicants must submit a request to the fund using the specified grant application form that can be obtained from the MS Trust.
- Up to a maximum of 75% of the cost of any course will be paid by the fund. Evidence must be included with the application to show that the NHS or other possible funding sources have been approached before applying to the Andrew Previté Bursary Fund.

- The provider of the balance of costs must be stated in the application.
- Applications will be considered and approved by a steering committee. Decisions will be made quarterly and applications should be submitted to comply with the following timetable:

<b>Submission Date</b>	<b>Consideration by Steering Committee</b>	<b>Announcement Date</b>
End January	End February	Mid-March
End April	End May	Mid-June
End July	End August	Mid-September
End October	End November	Mid-December

- The grant will be paid direct to the provider of the educational course.
- Once the grant has been paid, failure to attend the course will result in a requirement to refund the award.
- After the course the candidate will be required to write a report outlining how the course met their learning objectives as specified on the application form.

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