

# Registered Nursing Associates: is there a role for them in Endoscopy?



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**Context:** In 2016 nurse vacancies in England were over 40 000 (Imison, 2016) & there was a need to bridge the registered nurses and healthcare support workers gap. (HEE, 2016)

**The aim:** was to develop the role of the registered nursing associate (RNA) in Endoscopy via the TNA programme.

## England

HEE announces training places for over 2,000 Nursing Associates

12 October 2016

**Jan 2017: TNA first pilot wave start – 11 test sites** (HEE, 2016)

NMC state they will provide registration (NMC, 2017)

**April:** second pilot wave starts – 24 more test sites

## 2018

**July: Law passed allowing NMC to hold register**

**October:** NMC Standards of proficiency published

**December:** third wave (apprenticeship) **2<sup>nd</sup> Endoscopy TNA starts**

**Jan 2019: 1st wave pilot programme complete**

<https://www.nursingtimes.net>

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## 2016 Partnership, Trust & Endoscopy

**October:** North Central London Partnership including Royal Free NHS Foundation Trust, other employers, Middlesex University & administration team became a test site. (HEE, 2016)

## 2017

**January:**

- > 59 Trainee nursing associates (TNAs) across the partnership
- > 10 TNAs start across the Trust.
- > **1 TNA in Endoscopy, Royal Free Hospital**



### Programme

- ◆ 2 years
- Endoscopy:**
- ◆ hub placements
- ◆ non-specified time
- Block release:**
- ◆ University
- ◆ spoke placements

### Registered

Partnership = 38  
Trust = 8  
**Endoscopy = 1**

### RNA ENDOSCOPY COMPETENCIES

- ✓ Admitting patients
- ✓ Recovering patients
- ✓ Assisting to take biopsies, polypectomy snaring & EMR
- ✓ Assisting in clipping & banding
- ✓ Acute GI bleed - prepping accessories not assisting
- ✓ Assisting in ERCP, DBE & EUS
- ✓ Discharging patients
- ✓ Lead in un-sedated lists in ambulatory clinic
- ✓ Paediatric lists
- ✓ Administering medications  
**Currently: IV X CD X**
- ✓ Assisting Bronchoscopy & EBUS

**Current Royal Free Hospital: 1 RNA; 1 TNA -December 2018; 1 TNA - October 2019 & more for future cohorts**  
Chase Farm Hospital: 1 TNA - December 2018  
Partner Trust: 1 RNA; 1 TNA - December 2018

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