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Subject: Paid placements and annual leave

Dear [FirstName]

We know that some of you have been asking about taking annual leave while on paid placements. You will accrue 34.5 hours for the 12 weeks work and we and our partners strongly encourage you to take this during the 12 weeks in negotiation with your placement. You will need to look after yourselves both physically and mentally while on paid placements. You cannot defer your annual leave and be paid for it in lieu.

After discussions with the NMC and Health Education England, we cannot count the 34.5 hours of annual leave towards your 2300 hours. This means that you will need to make up these hours during the paid placement (in negotiation with your placement supervisor), in the week after the paid placement finishes (in the location of your paid placement wherever possible) or during your final placement allocation (NP7 for adult and child and NP6 for mental health and learning disabilities).

Making up time during paid placements not all placement areas are able to support this due to the crisis situation, please enquire in your placement area to see if this option is available to you. We will support you to achieve 2300 practice hours in your final placement and arrange any necessary placements to enable this.

Do refer to PSNET where the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) will be updated regularly.

Kind regards

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