

Member Support Fund Policy

About the Member Support Fund

- The Member Support Fund is designed to support healthcare professionals who are **existing members** of the College of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare (CoSRH) who can demonstrate they have had a continuous relationship with the CoSRH for a minimum of 3 years and will continue to do so.
- Applications from current CoSRH Trainees will be accepted – see assessment criteria below.
- This policy is designed to support our members who are in difficulty and **do not have further recourse to funds elsewhere**; is not a bursary.
- The fund is limited to calendar year 2026 only. The CoSRH accepts no ongoing commitment to an extension of the fund beyond 31 December 2026.
- The fund is of limited size, and the CoSRH reserves the right to suspend this policy at any time, once the fund is exhausted.
- The fund is available to support payment of CoSRH membership fees and attending CoSRH educational programmes that support achieving CoSRH qualifications, or CoSRH continuing professional development (CPD) events.
- Applications can include claims for travel and accommodation to support attendance to the above, in-line with the CoSRH Expenses Policy.
- Retrospective applications can be made up to 1 month past the date of delivery.
- The fund does not cover CoSRH lapsed membership back-fees.
- The fund does not cover the CoSRH Annual Training Fee.
- The fund does not cover non-CoSRH membership fees or programmes.

Assessment criteria

- The applicant's need will be assessed based on continuous membership of the CoSRH for a minimum of three years; likely impact on the CoSRH mission and strategic goals, impact on patient care and an assessment of the individual circumstances of each case.
- Applications from current Trainees will be accepted on the following conditions:
 - Providing evidence of the areas of the curriculum they are hoping to address through this application.
 - Supporting statement from their education supervisor in support of the above and confirmation that they do not have access to alternative funds.
- Applications will be assessed on their own merit and will not be prioritised against other applications.
- Applicants may apply for up to £500 for the financial year (January to December) with one successful application per person, per year to the fund. If the application for educational activities is below the amount of £500, another application cannot be made for the remainder of the £500 in the same year.

Applying for funds under this policy

- The application must be made through [this online form](#).
- Applicants will be assessed by the review panel consisting of two members of the CoSRH Senior Leadership Team and the Vice President of Membership and Workforce.
- We aim to respond to applications within 14 working days from the date of application.
- The application must confirm that there are insufficient funds available locally. To support the request to receive funds, a letter of support must be included from the applicant's employer or the educational supervisor.
- CoSRH reserve the right to decline an application. If an application is declined, applicants can apply again with a request for different relevant CoSRH activities.
- If approved, applicants have 1 month from being notified to complete and return an expense claim form, in line with the [CoSRH Expenses Policy](#).
- The CoSRH accepts no liability arising from awards made to members in difficulty and the conclusions of the process are **final and cannot be appealed**.