



NMCWatch Buddy Project awarded grant by The Laura Hyde Foundation

We are thrilled to have been awarded a grant by The Laura Hyde Foundation (LHF) which enables us to formalise the support we currently offer to nurses, midwives and associated healthcare professionals. These are colleagues who are undergoing Fitness to Practice (FtP) investigations by their regulator, such as the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) or a local employment dispute.

The “Buddy – hold my hand” pilot will allocate a registrant buddy to each new member of our group. This buddy will provide both practical and emotional support with the added benefit that they have been through the process themselves so fully understand it’s impact.

Liam Barnes, Trustee Chair from LHF says:

‘The Laura Hyde Foundation are delighted to fund this important initiative alongside Cathryn and the team. The people we support face regular traumatic situations in their daily work however they do the job they love because they care. When they experience a situation whereby that care is questioned, the impacts of this can be significant to their mental health often causing long term health impacts that must be proactively addressed at the start and not towards the end when it is too late. We believe this research piece will deliver extraordinary results and insight providing a platform to allow these measures to be considered standard and taken up on a wider scale.’

We will be evaluating the impact of the buddy service and the benefits it can bring as well as how the buddy’s experience of providing the service.

NMCWatch receives no funding and relies on kind donations for any additional work, this grant means we can secure a valuable piece of work and start getting the necessary evidence behind what we do.

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Peer to Peer support through FtP