Following wide consultation with a broad range of stakeholders, NESC was established on 5 April 2007 as an integrated organisation detailing the education and development needs of the healthcare workforce in NHS South Central.

This emphasis on training and education is crucial if the South Central Strategic Health Authority (SHA) is to achieve its long-term aspirations to improve the health of its population, reduce health inequalities and enhance patient safety.

NESC’s vision and values underpin everything we do and define our approach to education and training.

Our vision is: ‘We will be recognised as the best place to start, continue and sustain learning of the skills and knowledge used to deliver the best possible patient care.’

NESC delivers the following activities on behalf of the SHA:

- It provides the training of about 4,000 postgraduate junior doctors and manages the recruitment process for specialty training for those doctors.
- It commissions pre-registration and foundation degree programmes, with 15,000 students undertaking quality-based programmes or continuing professional development.
- It runs more than 165 courses per year, training more than 2,500 professionals. These range from revision and clinical courses for junior doctors to professional development courses run on an interprofessional basis.

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