

Pharmacy Education Update Briefing

February 2024

In this month's briefing from the School of Pharmacy and Medicines Optimisation team, you will find information about upcoming important news around workforce, training and education, for all pharmacy sectors.

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1.	Actions for Employers THIS MONTH, including Community Pharmacy, Hospital and GP Practices: Registration for Foundation (pre-registration) Pharmacists Training – do not miss the recruitment deadline	ALL
2	Getting ready for the Foundation Training Year (formerly pre-reg 2025-26)	Community Pharmacy/ ALL training sites
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1.	<p>Actions for Employers THIS MONTH : Registration for Foundation (pre-registration) Pharmacists Training – do not miss the recruitment deadline</p> <p>Pharmacist training is changing significantly to meet the new standards published by the GPhC – incorporating prescribing at the point of registration. Moving forward, you will not be able to provide foundation training without recruiting via the NHSE Oriel system.</p> <p>Training sites MUST be entered into Oriel/NRS between *January 11 2024 - March 1 2024* See more information here. You must agree to terms of participation, and that you will provide access to DPP and prescribing learning environment.</p>

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	<p>Please note at this point in time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• You do not need to identify who the DPP is and where the prescribing environment is• If a multi-sector rotation is being included, you must identify where this rotational site is <p>All training sites wishing to provide training for Foundation Trainee Pharmacists (formerly Preregistration Trainee Pharmacists), including Community Pharmacy for NHS funding - 2025 starts, will need to be included on the Oriel platform</p> <p>This comes into effect for the 2025/26 training year – but please note the deadline for entering your programmes into Oriel is 1st March 2024:</p>
2.	<p>Are you planning to host a Trainee Foundation Pharmacist place? - get ready for the Foundation Training Year 2025-26</p> <p>If you are planning to recruit a foundation trainee pharmacist for 2025/26 (2024 intake), please refer to the resources below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This main presentation will give you the facts you need to prepare now• Watch a video tutorial on submitting 2025/26 foundation pharmacist programmes for the National Recruitment Scheme• Find out more in Prescribing supervision and assessment in the Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme from 2025/26• Find out more in Foundation training site requirements <p>You will find links below to webpages to NHS England activity related to the reforms of the IETP:</p> <p>Initial Education and Training Of Pharmacists - Reform Programme</p> <p>Implementing The Foundation Pharmacist Training Year 2025-26</p> <p>We recommend that you read the information provided and bookmark these pages for future viewing as information on them will be periodically updated. From these pages you can navigate to others that are related to foundation pharmacist training.</p> <p>Please sign up to Pharmacy News to receive updates on the IETP reforms. We can answer any regional questions you have via england.wtpharmacy.ney@nhs.net</p>
3.	<p>3.1. Launch of NHS Pharmacy First advanced service</p> <p>The NHS Pharmacy First advanced service launched today, enabling community pharmacists to complete episodes of care for patients without the need for the patient to visit their general practice. The service builds on the previous Community</p>

Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) by enabling community pharmacies to manage patients for seven common conditions, following specific clinical pathways.

A national public communications campaign will launch from February, which will encourage the public to access advice and treatment from community pharmacy services for common conditions.

Community pharmacy teams can now prepare for Pharmacy First with NHS-funded training, to expand their clinical skills and improve patient care. Find out more on the HEE website: [Community Pharmacy Training](#), and also see information below:

3.2. Community pharmacy teams – get ahead for Pharmacy First with NHS funded training

Explore a range of fully funded [training options for you and your workforce](#)
This includes training for

- **Community Pharmacy Clinical Skills**

The new [Pharmacy First](#) service which includes providing advice and NHS-funded treatment, where appropriate, for seven common conditions, launched on 31st January 2024 as an Advanced Service. Self Assessment tools are available to support your preparation; check gaps, refresh or upskill training.

There are a range of online resources, face to face practical workshops and other training offers available to support clinical skills and knowledge development, e.g

CPPE <https://www.cppe.ac.uk/services/pharmacy-first/default>

Cliniskills <https://www.cliniskills.com/community-pharmacists/>

- **Community pharmacists – *NEW Ear and Throat webinar incl. otoscopes***

Clinical Examination Skills modules include ENT, paediatrics, cardiology and dermatology. The ENT module includes a free Ear and Throat webinar which includes the use of otoscopes. A recording of this webinar is now available on the registered training area of the course website.

Find out more and register [HERE](#)

- **Community pharmacy technicians**

Whether you are a new pharmacy technician, returning to learning or looking for professional development to deliver more services, courses cover **Advancing your role** – building on your knowledge and skills to deliver effective clinical services and **Educational Supervisor Training** – to become an educational supervisor and help support, develop and upskill community pharmacy staff.

Find out more and register for **Advancing your role** or **Educational Supervisor Training** [HERE](#)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local training offers <p>See local training offers - contact your Primary Care Training Hubs for North East and North Cumbria or Yorkshire and Humber</p>
4.	<p>Designated Prescribing Practitioners (DPP)</p> <p>We now have a dedicated information page with Frequently Asked Questions and lots of supporting resources: Supervision for pharmacist independent prescriber training provides information for pharmacists interested in becoming a prescriber, prescribers interested in becoming a DPP, employers or system leaders.</p> <p>The page Becoming a designated prescribing practitioner provides useful information for independent prescribers who are considering becoming a Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP) to support a pharmacist through their prescribing course or have been approached by a pharmacist to act as their DPP. There are links to some information from the Centre for Advancing Practice, which has been adapted to be relevant for those supervising IP learners specifically.</p> <p>A DPP Routemap has been devised locally with supporting information and links to key preparation resources, which are freely accessible to all at any stage of your supervision learning journey. Identifying learning and development needs in your prescribing practice helps to inform if you are best placed to supervise all, or specific aspects of a learner's practice, and identification of others who may support.</p>
5.	<p>Pharmacy Supervision Consultation</p> <p>A critical consultation for our workforce and profession was published in December 2023 *This consultation closes at 11:59pm on 29 February 2024*</p> <p>The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) is seeking views on proposals to modernise legislation governing the supervision of activities by a pharmacist in a pharmacy.</p> <p>Consultation description</p> <p>This consultation sets out proposals to amend the Medicines Act 1968 and The Human Medicines Regulations 2012. The proposals are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• enable pharmacists to authorise pharmacy technicians to carry out, or supervise others carrying out, the preparation, assembly, dispensing, sale and supply of medicines• enable pharmacists to authorise any member of the pharmacy team to hand out checked and bagged prescriptions in the absence of a pharmacist• allow pharmacy technicians to take primary responsibility for the preparation, assembly and dispensing of medicinal products in hospital aseptic facilities <p>Further details can be found here</p> <p>Please respond via online consultation survey.</p>

6.	<p>Other training:</p> <p>6.1. Are you an employer interested in supporting Trainee Advanced Clinical Practitioners? (ACP) The NHSE North East and Yorkshire ACP Application Process 24-25 is now open! The regional online application process for organisations within North East & Yorkshire to apply for NHSE support to train Advanced Practitioners is live Apply here using this link. The deadline to submit applications is Friday 29th March 2024, although the faculty may later accept applications subject to capacity. If you are interested in completing an application, please email via england.neyadvancedpractice@nhs.net</p> <p>Further details about the application process and funding can be found in the North East and Yorkshire Faculty for Advancing Practice handbook linked here.</p> <p>6.2. Pharmacy genomics workforce, education and training strategic framework</p> <p>This strategic framework, released 22 January 2024, sets out a 3-year approach to integrate genomic medicine into pharmacy education, training and workforce development. It will empower the pharmacy workforce to use the increasingly available genomic tools to support medicines optimisation and deliver the benefits for patients.</p> <p>6.3. CPPE Latest training offers</p> <p>There are many supporting resources for Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians in all areas of practice - see CPPE News for latest information. Highlights from just some programmes include</p> <p>Accuracy checking pharmacy technician (ACPT) programme Fully funded places available to train and assess pharmacy technicians, working in community pharmacy, health and justice and NHS hospitals, to perform the final accuracy check of dispensed items on prescriptions that have been clinically screened/ approved by a pharmacist</p> <p>Community pharmacy technicians advancing your role ; a fully funded course that helps community pharmacy technicians develop the skills and confidence to deliver effective clinical services in community pharmacy. NHS Pharmacy First service means now is an excellent time to address your learning needs.</p> <p>Dermatology: An introduction to managing common skin conditions e-learning programme is now live</p> <p>Men's health learning gateway will help to increase your knowledge, skills and confidence in relation to various men's health conditions</p>
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