

## Information for Primary Care/General Practice/PCNs

# CALLING ALL PRESCRIBERS : WOULD YOU LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND THE PRESCRIBING CAPACITY IN SOUTH YORKSHIRE?

From September 2026 all newly qualified pharmacists will be independent prescribers on registration. An increase in pharmacist prescribers will support the delivery of current and future primary care clinical services.

**All foundation trainee pharmacists (FTPs) training from 25/26 will require access to:**

- a designated prescribing practitioner (DPP) to support their prescribing journey
- a prescribing learning environment

### **WHO CAN BECOME A DPP?**

Any registered healthcare professional in Great Britain or Northern Ireland who is an independent prescriber (IP). They must be an **active prescriber** in a patient-facing role who consults with patients and makes prescribing decisions based on clinical assessment with sufficient frequency to maintain their competence.

### **WHY BECOME A DPP FOR A FOUNDATION TRAINEE PHARMACIST?**

Increase your own confidence, develop mentorship, supervision and leadership skills. Work in partnership with other healthcare professionals. Increase the pool of IPs to be future DPPs.

### **WHAT DOES BEING A DPP FOR A FOUNDATION TRAINEE PHARMACIST INVOLVE?**

There is a requirement for the trainee to spend 90 hours in prescribing practice, but not all the hours are required to be with the DPP. The DPP will determine whether Prescribing Assessment Activities\* and prescribing competencies have been satisfactorily completed and demonstrated, and the trainee pharmacist is therefore suitable for registration as a prescriber.

### **DO I NEED TRAINING TO BE A DPP?**

NHS funded programmes are available, but not a requirement.

### **WHAT ARE THE RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS?**

Time should be allocated for supervision and reviewing the trainee's progress. Models suggested include: 0.5 day each day for five-to-six-weeks or 1 day per week for approximately 13 weeks, not all of these would be with the DPP.

Funding of around £1500 may be available to secure a rotation with access to a prescribing environment and a DPP from local organisations such as community pharmacies. We can put you in touch with organisations looking for DPPs for their trainees.

### **WHERE DO I FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION?**

Any questions and/or you would like to be matched with a trainee contact [kelly.tyers@nhs.net](mailto:kelly.tyers@nhs.net)

\*[Becoming a DPP \(NHSE\) Prescribing supervision and assessment in the foundation trainee pharmacist programme from 2025/26](#)