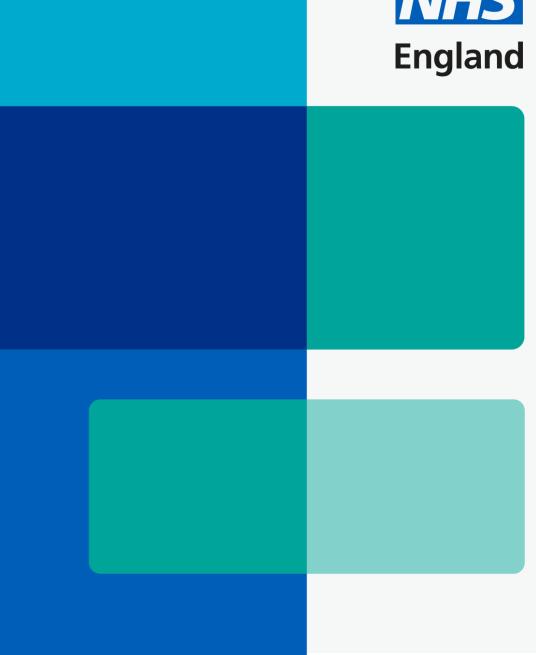


Supporting prescribing rotations for NW Trainee Pharmacists in 2025/26

Information for General Practice and PCNs

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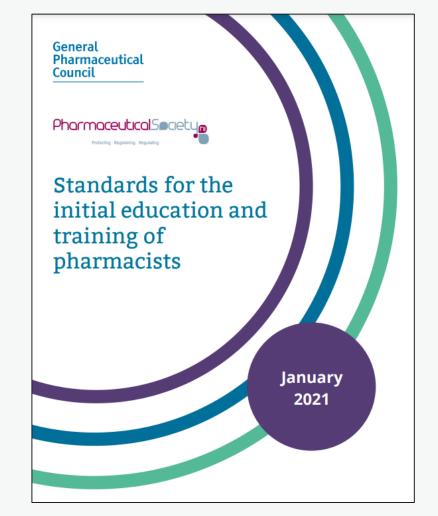


IETP Reform

Revised standards for the Initial Education and Training of Pharmacists (IETP). These include a set of new learning outcomes which:

- Promote enhanced clinical capabilities
- Facilitate MDT working
- Enable pharmacists to be independent prescribers at the point of registration

The 2025/26 Foundation Training Year is the first year where all these new learning outcomes – including independent prescribing - will be used.



Why is this important?

These changes are key to the NHS Long Term Workforce Plan and aim to ensure we have a workforce which can deliver patient-centred services that are fit for the future through:



Recruitment & retention

Cross system working

Workforce development

How can you support this process?

- Prescribing supervision and assessment is key during this year.
- This is particularly challenging for Trainee Pharmacists in Community Pharmacy
- Trainee pharmacists will need access to a Prescribing Learning Setting (PLS) and Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP).

You can support by partnering with a community pharmacy employer to offer a prescribing rotation with access to a PLS and DPP.





What's in it for you?

- ✓ Securing a placement fee with your community pharmacy partner
- ✓ Utilising Trainee Pharmacists to support with workload, QOF indicators, and the DES.
- ✓ Maintaining the system's pharmacist workforce
- ✓ Creating a sustainable pipeline of pharmacists into your practices
- ✓ Providing development opportunities to upskill supervisory skills within your workforce
- ✓ Build and develop relationships with other healthcare providers in your local area
- ✓ Showcase primary care's place in healthcare

Practices can also host multiple trainees at the same time. This provides economies of scale, increasing the benefits of hosting trainees without creating extra work.

Who can be a DPP

DPPs for Trainee Pharmacists undertaking prescribing as part of their Foundation Training must be:

- Registered independent prescribers
- In good standing with their professional regulator
- Active prescribers in a patient-facing role, with knowledge and experience which enables them to offer appropriate supervision and learning experiences

The DPP does not need to be a pharmacist, however it may be beneficial if they have some experience of working with pharmacists.

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Implementation

- The DPP is not required to directly supervise the trainee for their entire prescribing rotation and can delegate to appropriate team members.
- Prescribing rotations are likely to be 4-8 week placements, but this could vary depending on your specific arrangements
- There is no specific model for a prescribing rotation e.g., single blocks, regular attendance, or combinations of the two are all fine.

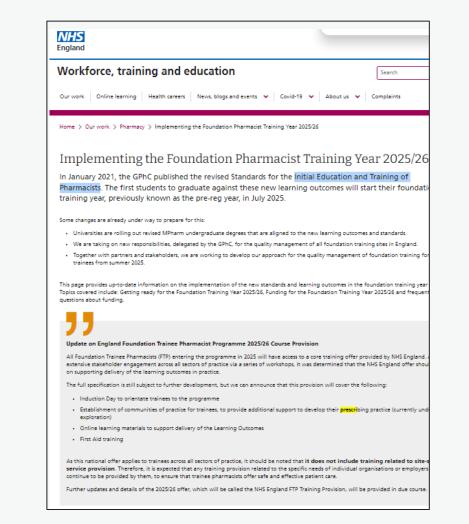
Aim: by the end of their rotation, trainees will have completed all Prescribing Assessment Activities and are therefore suitable for registration as a prescriber.



Where can I find out more

- Implementing the Foundation Pharmacist Training Year 2025/26.
- Prescribing Supervision and Assessment in the Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme from 2025/26.
- Supporting prescribing rotations for NW Trainee
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If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact the NHS England North West Foundation Team at <u>england.WTEpharmacy.nw@nhs.net</u> and we will be more than happy to help.





Thank You