

# Community pharmacy

Community pharmacy services are expected to transform, as new clinical pharmacy services, working practices and digital platforms develop to meet the public's expectations for a modern NHS community pharmacy service.

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To support NHS England's the [Pharmacy Integration Fund \(PhIF\)](#), <sup>[1]</sup> we are looking at how we can help:

- support the workforce's transition to deliver a wider range of services for patients
- develop clinical pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, so that they are equipped and able, to be responsive to delivering pharmacy care where required.

To ensure we plan our future investment in education commissioning effectively, [we carried out a survey](#) <sup>[2]</sup> to understand the current scale and skill set of the community pharmacy workforce. This was the first time data has been collected and made available on an England-wide scale.

This data will now be used:

- To inform the commissioning of education and training for the wider primary health care team including community pharmacy
- To support education investment decisions
- To establish differences and shortages of skill mix in different geographical areas and share good practice
- To support understanding of the capacity and capability of the workforce in the community pharmacy sector as part of transformation plans being delivered by the Sustainable Transformation Partnerships (STPs).

## Related Content

### Pharmacy

As outlined in the Five Year Forward View, the NHS should make more appropriate use pharmacists' skills, helping patients get the right care, at the right time, in the right place.

[Read more](#) <sup>[3]</sup>

### Learning resources for pharmacy professionals

The Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE) has developed a national learning resource and campaign for pharmacy professionals to better support people living with mental

health conditions.

[Read more](#) <sup>[4]</sup>

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