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## How did you start getting involved?

Someone approached me who had a generalist role, so was finding it hard to find a consultant to be their DMP. The pharmacist had an interest in cystic fibrosis so thought I would take it on.

## What are the benefits and challenges of being a DPP?

Being a DPP develops the profession and promotes pharmacy to the multi-disciplinary team. It's also really nice watching a colleague develop and grow. Prescribing pharmacists tend to be motivated students too!

## What resources have you found to be useful as a DPP?

The [RPS prescriber competency framework](#) is a good reference point. The University of Reading have an online programme which I found very useful.

## How do you maintain your DPP competency?

I'm an active prescriber so do clinics most days. Being a DPP is now part of my job description and part of the appraisal process for me.

## What advice would you give to someone considering taking on the DPP role?

Being a DPP can be enjoyable and fulfilling. Most pharmacists will be prescribers in a few years, but currently there are few pharmacist DPPs, so being a DPP can help you stand out from the crowd at the recruitment stage.

# Kayt Blythin – Principal clinical pharmacist for medicines optimisation for care homes at Sussex Community NHS Foundation



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## How did you start getting involved?

We have pharmacists undergoing the CPPE Primary Care Pharmacy Education Programme. Because I had more than three years' experience, I was able to support them.

## What are the benefits and challenges of being a DPP?

The biggest benefit is supervising people within my team. It is a natural extension of a clinical supervision role. Being a DPP for pharmacists not directly part of the team can be challenging.

## What resources have you found to be useful as a DPP?

The [RPS prescribing competency framework](#). I have turned this into a RAG document.

## How do you maintain your DPP competency?

I maintain my DPP competency by attending introductory DPP briefing provided by the University and also via the e-learning course [HealthVLE - My Courses](#)

## What advice would you give to someone considering taking on the DPP role?

It is a natural extension of a clinical leadership role within pharmacy workforce, and it is where pharmacy is going. It is great fun and incredible rewarding.

# Maureen Aruede – Community pharmacist in Dover, Kent



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## How did you start getting involved?

I volunteered to be a DPP due to the challenges of finding one for a locum pharmacist. I have previous experiences of being a 'pre-reg tutor' and mentoring other community pharmacists.

## What are the benefits and challenges of being a DPP?

Being a DPP allows you to support others, therefore is both satisfying and rewarding. Challenges are time pressures for both the DPP and learner.

## What resources have you found to be useful as a DPP?

The [RPS prescribing competency framework](#). I familiarised myself with the competencies for the course because this was slightly different for each university.

## How do you maintain your DPP competency?

The [RPS prescribing competency framework](#). I have also kept my own portfolio.

## What advice would you give to someone considering taking on the DPP role?

It is a rewarding role. Helping and supporting others to become prescribers is something you can be proud of.

# Sarah Trust – Prescribing support pharmacist at Chapel Street Surgery, Newhaven, East Sussex



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## How did you start getting involved?

I was approached to be a DPP by a former colleague who knew I was a prescriber. I had previous experiences of being a 'pre-reg' tutor.

## What are the benefits and challenges of being a DPP?

Being a DPP is rewarding and immensely gratifying. I feel that I am influencing the direction of the pharmacy discipline. The challenge is not working directly with the pharmacist, but we have overcome this.

## What resources have you found to be useful as a DPP?

The [RPS prescribing competency framework](#).  
My own experience of working in hospital and now in primary care – plus my previous broad experience and connections.

## How do you maintain your DPP competency?

I regularly review my own clinical competency.  
I have kept a portfolio from when I first qualified as a prescriber till now.

## What advice would you give to someone considering taking on the DPP role?

It's very rewarding!