

Independent Prescribing



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Setting the Scene...

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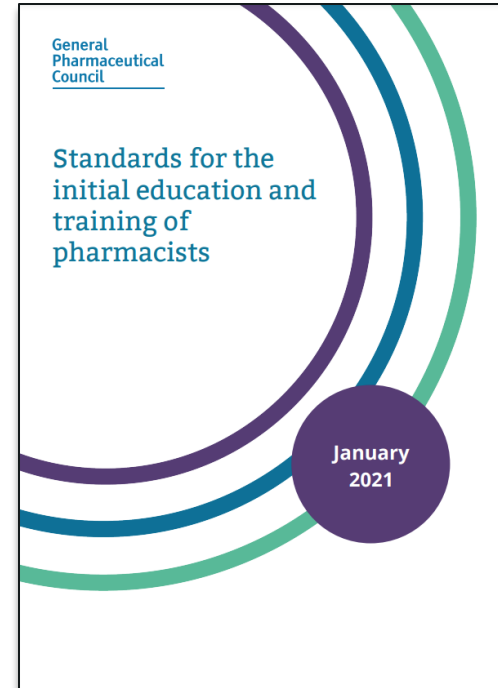
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Initial Education and Training of Pharmacists (IETP) Reform

- **One set of learning outcomes** spanning the full five years of education and training – linked to a continuum of post-registration development.
- Introduces a (year 5) **foundation training year** with strengthened supervision and support and collaborative working between higher education institutions, statutory education bodies and employers.
- Incorporating skills, knowledge and attributes to enable pharmacists to **independently prescribe** from registration.



IP Procurement Progress

Timeline:

- April 2022 – July 2022 Procurement process open
- End July – August 2022 – providers confirmed and applications open
- September 2022 – first courses start




We will be announcing the list of approved universities from the end of July

Multiple cohort start dates available *from* September; cohorts will continue until March 2023

Recent changes to GPhC requirements

The GPhC Council recently agreed changes to the requirements for entry to post registration independent prescribing courses:

- Applicants will no longer be required to have at least two years' experience in a UK patient-facing role (implementation date to be confirmed by GPhC). **Instead, applicants must have relevant experience in a pharmacy setting and be able to recognise, understand and articulate the skills and attributes required by a prescriber**
- Supervision by Designated Prescribing Practitioners / Designated Medical Practitioners



The implementation date for the changes to the requirements for entry to independent prescriber courses will be confirmed once the GPhC Council has approved the guidance for course providers.

Supervision

Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP) is a healthcare professional with legal prescribing rights who will mentor and supervise a pharmacist during the period of learning in practice. www.rpharms.com/resources/frameworks/designated-prescribing-practitioner-competency-framework

Designated Medical Practitioner (DMP) can fulfil the same function as a DPP. This is a medical practitioner who directs and supervises a non-medical prescriber's period of learning in practice.

To find a DPP we advise you to consider approaching your local GP, Primary Care Network or hospital Trust. Advice and support can be obtained from your Primary Care Training Hub. www.hee.nhs.uk/our-work/training-hubs



DPP is the new term that encompasses designated medical practitioners (DMP)

Eligibility

Group 1 Pharmacy Integration Programme (PhIP)

- Community pharmacists (including locum pharmacists)
- Pharmacists employed in General Practice who are not eligible for, or enrolled on, the Primary Care Pharmacy Education Programme (PCPEP)
- Pharmacists working to provide primary care services (e.g. working in primary care) who are not employed in Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme (ARRS) roles
- Health and Justice pharmacists

Group 2 Primary Care Pharmacy Education Pathway (PCPEP)

- Pharmacists enrolled on CPPE's PCPEP and meet the PCPEP criteria to enrol on an Independent Prescribing Course

Group 3 NHS Managed sector

- Pharmacists working in an NHS Hospital Trust or Mental Health Trust (secondary care)
- Pharmacists working in an integrated care board, ICB (previously CCG pharmacists)



Eligibility



Health Education England

Region	Group 1 - Pharmacy Integration Programme (PhIP)	Group 2 - Primary Care Pharmacy Education Pathway (PCPEP)	Group 3 - NHS Managed Sector
North East and Yorkshire	✓	✓	X
North West	✓	✓	X
Midlands	✓	✓	✓
East of England	✓	✓	✓
South East	✓	✓	✓
London	✓	✓	✓
South West	✓	✓	✓

What are the next steps?

We encourage pharmacists who meet the eligibility criteria and are interested in applying for a place to start preparing as soon as possible. As a minimum, you will need to have:

- The support of an identified designated prescribing practitioner (DPP).
- An appropriate practice-based learning environment in a prescribing setting that can offer appropriate clinical support.
- Evidence that you meet the course provider eligibility criteria (applicants will be subject to their chosen university's enrolment processes).
- Commitment to use the skill within your area of competence and expertise, for the delivery of NHS clinical services as they emerge



Further information on eligibility can be found on the GPhC website:
www.pharmacyregulation.org/education/pharmacist-independent-prescriber

IP Website Launch

www.hee.nhs.uk/our-work/pharmacy/independent-prescribing

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New for Autumn 2022

Applications for Autumn 2022 training offers will open shortly.

If you would like to know more about these exciting opportunities, please register your place at our upcoming [Independent Prescribing Webinars on 5th and 7th July](#).

If you would like to be added to our distribution list for future information, please [register your interest](#).

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If you would like to know more about the General Pharmaceutical Council's eligibility criteria, please visit [the GPhC website](#).

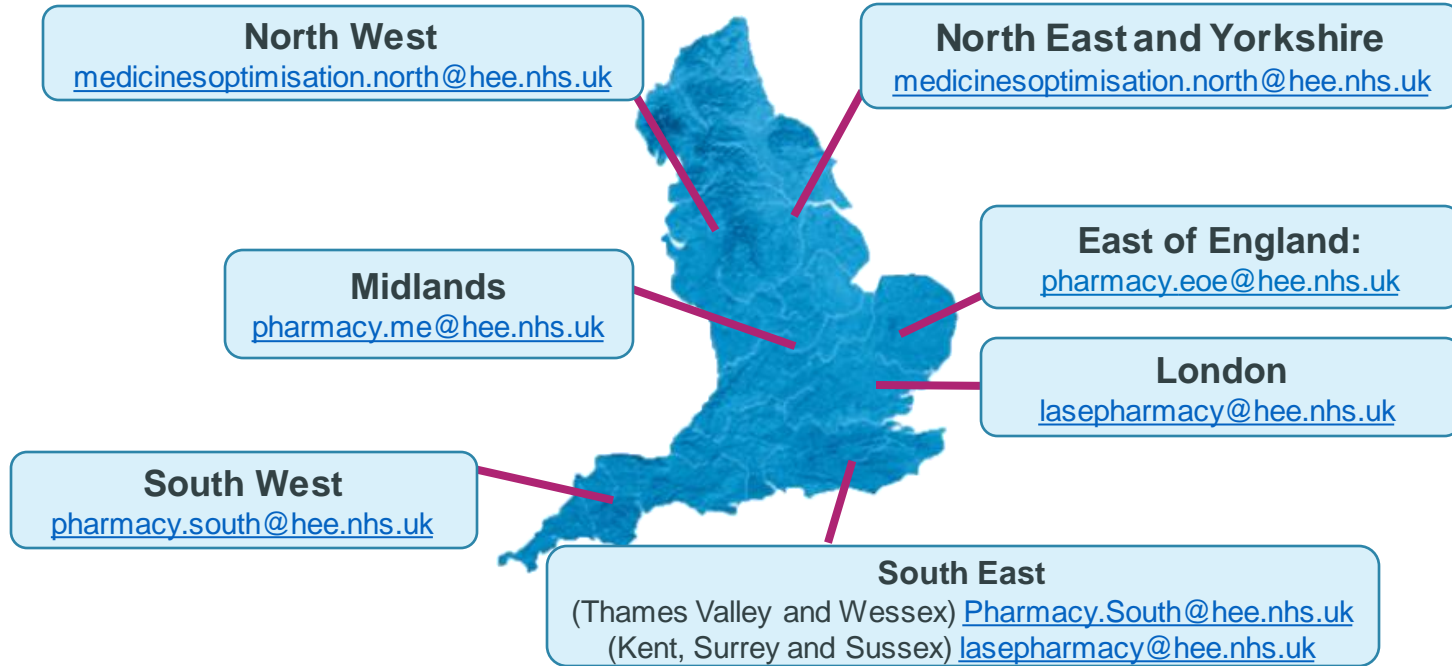


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Further information



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HEE: www.hee.nhs.uk/our-work/pharmacy/independent-prescribing

GPhC: www.pharmacyregulation.org/education/pharmacist-independent-prescriber

RPS (DPP): www.rpharms.com/resources/frameworks/designated-prescribing-practitioner-competency-framework

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