

Pharmacy Integration Programme



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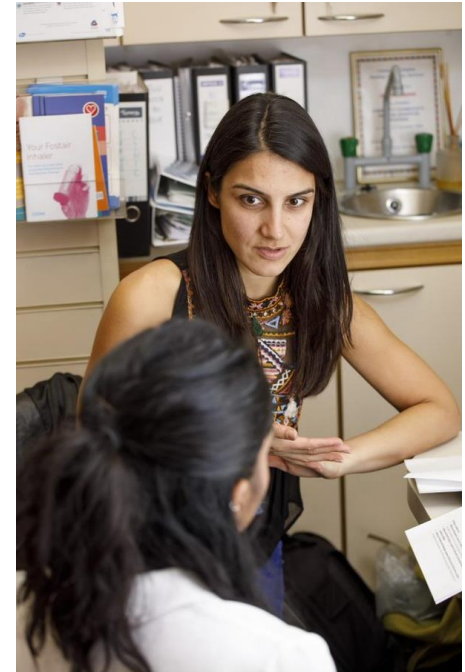
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Programme Overview

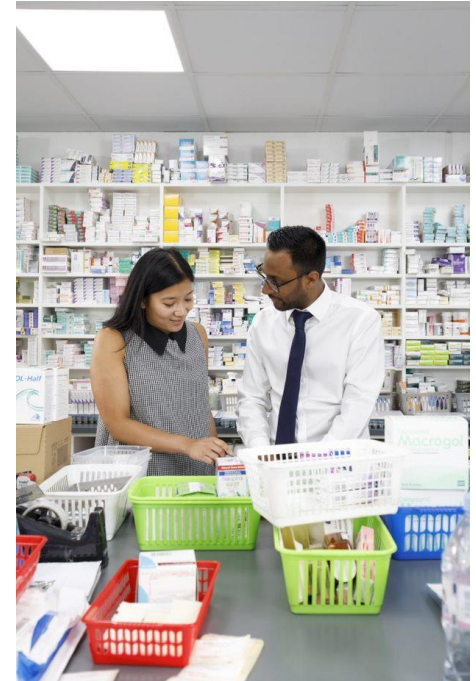
Programme objectives

- Develop the role of the pharmacy workforce as part of a multi-sector, integrated, multi-professional workforce.
- Support the expansion of frontline pharmacy staff in primary and community care, including community pharmacy, to meet the needs of patients and local communities.
- Link to the initial education and training reform of pharmacists by developing a continuum of development into post-registration.
- Connect with key strategic objectives across the wider NHS, including the NHS People Plan, organisational development in Primary Care Networks, Integrated Care Boards and the DHSC's National Overprescribing Review.



Current phase: 2021-2024

- Investment of **£15.9m** to support workforce development of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians in primary care, including community pharmacy.
- Builds on the **2017-2021 Pharmacy Integration Fund learning pathways**, to continue to enhance registered pharmacy professionals' skills through a range of training and development opportunities.
- Investment is **interdependent** with pharmacist education and training reform, developments in post-registration training and the HEE Centre for Advancing Practice.



In scope...

1. Developing a formal **portfolio** process to recognise the skills, training and experience gained by **pharmacists** working in general practice.
2. Development of **course accreditation** to increase access to training courses for **pharmacy technicians** working in general practice
3. **Independent prescribing** for pharmacists contributing to primary care, including community pharmacy clinical services
4. **Extension and expansion of clinical examination skills training** for community pharmacists
5. **Increase education and clinical supervision capacity and capability** for pharmacy professionals working and training across primary care



Focus on:

- **Independent Prescribing**
- **Clinical examination skills training**

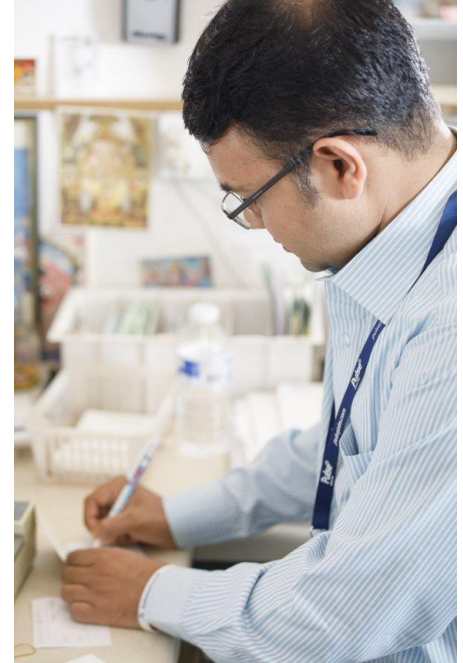
Independent Prescribing courses

Early Offer

- Rapid provision of funded courses in Feb/March 2022 – Independent Prescribing and Clinically Enhanced Pharmacist Independent Prescribing (CEPIP)

Ongoing Provision (Sept 2022 – Mar 2024)

- Autumn training offer now live:
 - PhIP learners: Pharmacists contributing to primary care, including community pharmacy clinical services
 - Learners can apply to a university that is in a different region to where they live or work
 - Learners need the support of an identified Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP) and placement access
- Find out more on the [HEE Independent Prescribing web page](#)



Clinical examination skills training

- Aims to equip pharmacists to gather clinical information and participate in a range of emerging NHS clinical services.
- Evaluation outcomes informing ongoing clinical examination skills training offer.
- Progress to date:
 - Current clinical examination training models mapped against existing professional frameworks
 - Outcomes tested with frontline pharmacists to inform further provision of training
 - Training offer coming soon – Winter 2022



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