

East of England team Staff changes

Sarita Savani has returned to her role as an education supervisor for the London team and will no longer be working as a regional tutor for the East of England team. We thank her for the huge impact she made in her short time with the team. We are delighted that Nicki Joy has filled the regional tutor vacancy and increased her hours to two days per week from July 2024, working alongside Zara Mehra.

Online workshops this semester

A full list can be found [here](#)

Some hot topics to look out for include our new [NHS Pharmacy First: clinical assessment – essential skills online workshop](#) and our [Optimising adherence to medicines in asthma](#) focal point workshop
[Community Pharmacy Technician: advancing your role programme](#)

NHS England funding for the **Community pharmacy technician: advancing your role programme** has been extended which is excellent news. This is a fully funded course that helps community pharmacy technicians develop their skills and confidence to deliver effective clinical services in community pharmacy. The programme consists of a 4-month self-directed e course, support from an education supervisor, optional peer support sessions, clinical assessment skills (CAS) training and workplace practice of CAS.

[Newly qualified pharmacist programme](#)

The provisional dates for the next cohorts are as follows:
Applications open in September and cohort 7 starts in November 2024
Applications open in January 2025 and cohort 8 starts in March 2025

Newly qualified pharmacists have described 'lack of confidence', 'decision making', 'managing professional relationships', 'being in charge', and 'adapting to the workplace', as the greatest challenges they face. This programme is flexible and tailored to the learner's needs and career aspirations. It supports pharmacists in demonstrating readiness to enroll on an independent prescribing (IP) training course. The learning takes a blended approach offering a mix of online learning, workshops, assessment and work-based support through a designated CPPE education supervisor.

A reminder that pharmacists registered since 2021 and who are employed or locum in the following settings are eligible to apply:

- Community pharmacy (except Boots)
- Integrated care boards
- Community health services
- Health and justice
- General practice or care homes (except those working in a post funded via the PCN additional roles reimbursement scheme- they need to enrol for PCPEP).

Pharmacists registered before 2021 who are returning from a career break are also eligible to apply.

Primary Care Pharmacy Education Programme (PCPEP) – places for non ARRS funded PCN roles

PCPEP is commissioned by NHS England to provide compulsory training for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians whose salaries are being supported with the Additional Role Reimbursement Scheme (ARRS) funding. NHS England has agreed that places remaining for a cohort not taken by pharmacy professionals in ARRS funded roles can be made available to pharmacists and pharmacy technicians in non-PCN roles in GP practices or care homes if their employer agrees to provide the necessary support.

Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians must meet the following criteria:

- Be already working in a patient-facing primary care role for a minimum of about 0.5 wte (18.75 hours per week) in a GP practice or care home setting. Any less than this, the number of days study leave becomes a burden for the practice.
- Have the support of their employer who agrees to:
 - release the pharmacist or pharmacy technician for 28 days of protected learning time for face-to-face events during the pathway, regardless of the number of days per week they are working
 - provide a GP (or other medic) clinical supervisor for pharmacists OR an experienced pharmacist clinical supervisor for pharmacy technicians. Each pharmacist or pharmacy technician should receive a minimum of one clinical supervision session per month and have access to the clinical supervisor during the course of the working week to address urgent issues. Clinical supervisors would be expected to take part in the CPPE clinical supervisor training (two short online workshops).
 - ensuring the pharmacy professional's role includes patient-facing work
 - support the pharmacy professional with travelling expenses for pathway events
 - support the pharmacist through their independent prescribing training at the end of the CPPE pathway (including the supervision required) if they are not already independent prescribers
- Be able to attend face-to-face events, including residential study days over the 18 months and be able to stay overnight for the residential events
- Be able to commit to studying in their own time for up to 30 days during the pathway, as well as attending all the pathway events.

Applications can be made at any time, but they will not be approved until CPPE knows that there are places remaining for the cohort which will be about two weeks before the start of each cohort.

Visit the CPPE website for an [information sheet](#) or email primarycare@cppe.ac.uk for further information.

New learning programmes

Introduction to polypharmacy e-learning programme

This programme is designed to help increase your confidence in identifying and tackling problematic polypharmacy.

The programme will help you to support people in getting the most out of their multiple medicines by applying a person-centred approach to understanding the impact of polypharmacy. You'll also learn how to apply appropriate tools and resources to work in partnership with people to manage their multiple medicines.

For more information, including how to register, go to:

<https://www.cppe.ac.uk/programmes//polypharm-e-01/>



Genomics in pharmacy; an introduction to person centred consultations e-learning programme

This programme aims to support the development of knowledge, skills and confidence in having person-centred consultations with people about genomics in everyday pharmacy practice. The consultation skills and approaches covered in this programme will support your discussions around genomics today and in the future, as this area of healthcare evolves.

Find out more here:

<https://www.cppe.ac.uk/programmes//genomics-e-04>



Osteoporosis – a focus on prevention e-learning programme

This programme is an opportunity for you to raise your awareness of osteoporosis and identify ways you can help people to reduce their risk of developing osteoporosis and fragility fractures.

As part of this programme, consider your role in identifying people with risk factors and providing person-centred care to help people reduce their risk of osteoporosis. You will also consider your role and the contributions you can make in applying a shared decision-making approach to supporting people with pharmacological and non-pharmacological ways of reducing risk.

For more information, including how to register, visit:

<https://www.cppe.ac.uk/programmes//osteo-e-02/>



Future programmes

In December 2023, we invited pharmacy professionals to share their opinions on future learning topics from CPPE through a survey. Thank you to all who responded. We have used the survey findings to prioritise the development of our future learning programmes in 2024. These are the programmes and planned release dates. These may be subject to change as NHS priorities for pharmacy practice change. We plan to update this table every six months to reflect any changes to our learning development plan.

Topic	Programme format	Planned launch date
Common clinical conditions	e-learning	June 2024
Acute kidney injury (AKI)	Optimise - face-to-face work-based learning	July 2024
NHS Pharmacy First: Clinical assessment and examination skills	Workshop (full day face-to-face)	July 2024
Asthma biologics	Optimise - face-to-face work-based learning	August 2024
Research - getting started	Optimise - face-to-face work-based learning	September 2024
Consulting with people using the Pharmacy First service	e-learning	September 2024
Advancing your practice in education, training and development	Learning pathway - mixed method / blended learning	October 2024
Autism and ADHD: Supporting adults and children with their medicines	e-learning	October 2024
Primary care learning resources for non-PCPEP learners	e-course / self-assessment	October 2024
Clinical decision making: Atrial Fibrillation (AF)	Optimise - face-to-face work-based learning	November 2024
Fundamentals of diabetes	e-course	November 2024
Epilepsy- focus on valproate safety	Focal point online workshop	November 2024

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Chief Pharmaceutical Officer's Pharmacy Leaders development programme

Applications for cohort 7 are now open and will close Monday 16 September 2024. NHS England and CPPE held a webinar 26 March 2024 to promote the programme and provide further information. You can access the webinar recording [here](#) and listen to previous delegates sharing their experiences of the programme.

A key objective of the programme is for delegates to make a positive contribution to improving the diversity of those in senior pharmacy leadership positions in the NHS. We aim to make each cohort broadly representative of the pharmacy professions' registers with regard to gender, ethnicity and profession. We particularly welcome applications from pharmacy leaders from a Black or minority ethnic background and pharmacy technicians working in senior roles in NHS trusts, PCNs, and community pharmacy.

