

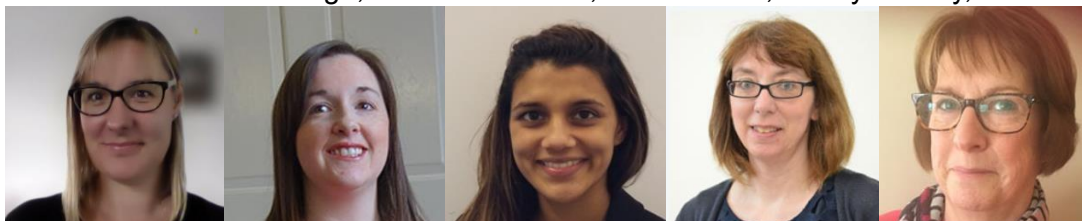
Welcome to the CPPE East Midlands Winter 2024 newsletter

Please take the time to read through this semester's newsletter as it is packed with lots of new information relating to programmes, e-courses and e-learning which may support your CPD, revalidation, role progression and skills development.

Personal education support by one of our education supervisors are available on a few of our programmes, to help guide, support and be a point of contact for you.

Meet the East Midlands Core Team

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Prescribing support

CPPE has support for prescribers. If you are considering under taking an independent prescribing course our [Preparing to train as an independent prescriber](#) programme can support you to prepare well.

If you are already an independent prescriber (IP), you might be thinking about extending the scope of your prescribing practice. Our [Extending the scope of prescribing practice e-course](#) supports with the key principles to consider when extending your scope of prescribing practice and we use the [RPS prescribing competency framework for all prescribers](#) to structure your approach.

If you have qualified as an independent prescriber but have not used this skill, you may want to consider our [return to prescribing programme](#).

Check out the [Prescribing antics blog](#), for one pharmacist's journey through the IP course and into prescribing. Over the coming months the blog will focus on starting to be a Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP) and prescribing in community pharmacy.

Online and face-to-face workshops

Scan the QR code for an up-to-date link to our upcoming online and face-to-face workshops.



Pharmacy Conversations: CPPE's new podcast is now live!

CPPE's brand new podcast series is now live. Pharmacy Conversations is dedicated to bringing you insightful discussions with leading experts and innovators who are shaping the future of our profession. Each episode covers a range of topics critical to the evolving role of pharmacy professionals, including leadership, patient safety, prescribing, and much more.



The first episode dives into the crucial topic of leadership within the profession.

Our hosts Jo Lane and Hayley Berry welcome two distinguished leaders in pharmacy, Jane Brown, and Nicola Stockman, and together they explore key trends and exciting innovations in pharmacy, address the importance of continuous professional development and education, and share personal insights on mentoring and maintaining a healthy work-life balance.

To listen to episode one, and to ensure you don't miss any of the upcoming five episodes in the series, **subscribe via [Apple podcasts](#), [Android](#) or [Spotify](#).**

MR-CAT's new home

The Medicines related consultation assessment tool (MR-CAT) is a new global assessment tool designed for use by healthcare professionals to assess pharmacy professionals' consultations.

We are delighted to let you know that the [Consultation skills for pharmacy practice website](#) has now relaunched and is the new home for the MR-CAT.

It also includes **how you can use it in practice** for both self-assessment and observed assessment. The web-based resource is open access, which means that all pharmacy professionals, pharmacy undergraduates and trainee pharmacy technicians can find and make use of it.

Support for community pharmacy services

Since the start of the year, the CPPE team in the East Midlands has been able to support you to implement the NHS Pharmacy First service. We have run face-to-face events and online workshops.

We worked out that if every pharmacy professional who attended an NHS Pharmacy First: Ear, nose and throat clinical assessment skills day in the East Midlands did one ear examination per week (after taking off annual leave), we will have enabled 1,899 otitis media consultations in the region over the next year.

Newly Qualified Pharmacist programme

Are you a newly qualified pharmacist or within the first couple of years of practice?

Have you started your career and now thinking about your next steps and a tutor supported learning programme to develop your skills? The Newly qualified pharmacist programme could be for you.

The *Newly qualified pharmacist programme* will be a pharmacist's first step on their post-registration professional development journey and provides comprehensive learning to support pharmacists to demonstrate readiness to enrol on an independent prescribing (IP) training course.

If you are an employer or a newly qualified pharmacist and would like to know more about the programme, watch our information webinar by clicking on the [link](#).

The CPPE *Newly qualified pharmacist programme* is for pharmacists who are registered with the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) from 2022 onwards* and are employed or locuming in many different settings – please see [the website](#) for the information regarding who is eligible to apply.

Key dates: Cohort 8

- Applications open: 13 January 2025
- Applications close: 17 March 2025
- Start date: 24 March 2025

Contact newlyqualified@cppe.ac.uk if you cannot find the answers to your questions about the *Newly qualified pharmacist programme* on our website.

"I am delighted to once again offer this structured programme of support to my colleagues as they enter the profession. Community pharmacy can be a lonely and isolated place to work, and I know that the support we offer through education supervision and high-quality learning programmes will help to accelerate your practice. The outcome is excellence in patient care. Enjoy your learning with CPPE."



Matthew Shaw
Director, CPPE

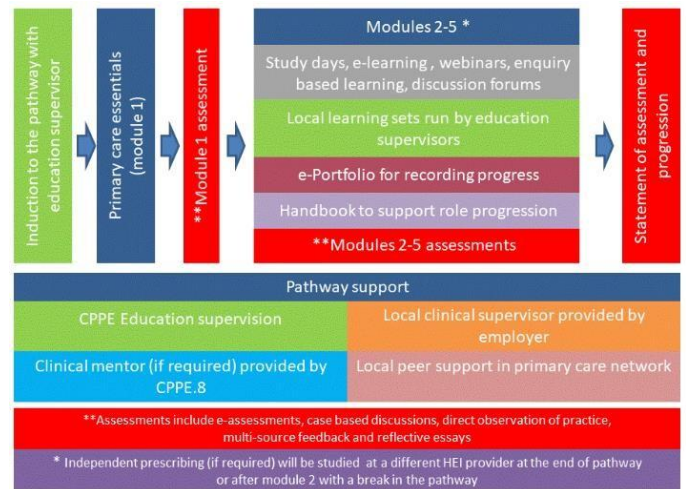
Primary Care Pharmacy Education Pathway- open to non-ARRS funded places

Are you working in primary care, GP practice, care homes, armed forces or in health and justice? If yes, this programme can support you.

CPPE is commissioned by Health Education England to deliver training to pharmacy professionals working in primary care as part of the primary care Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service (DES). We have developed the *Primary care pharmacy education pathway* (PCPEP) to align the education requirements of the pharmacists and pharmacy technicians with the NHS Long Term Plan and the primary care Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service.

This pathway will equip **pharmacists and pharmacy technicians** with the necessary knowledge, skills, and experience to work in various patient-facing roles in primary care networks as part of a multidisciplinary team. Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians will be able to access a range of different study methods to suit different learning styles, a continuous assessment process and support from supervisors and peers. The pathway is 18-months for pharmacists and 15-months for pharmacy technicians. Primary care pharmacy education pathway is not just funded for those in PCN ARRS role, for further information about your place email I please contact primarycare@cppe.ac.uk

The education pathway is outlined here:



CPPE resources to support integrated care across the systems.

CPPE have a range of resources that can support pharmacy workforce development and facilitate inclusive, person-centred care across an integrated care system. We have collated some of these into areas that may support your priorities.

Transfer of care

Promoting collaborative working across systems to support people when they transfer between care settings is key to patient safety. Between 30 and 70 percent of patients have either an error or unintentional change to their medicines when their care is transferred. This is a priority for the NHS and forms part of the NHS Long Term plan. Pharmacy professionals can play a key role in the secure and accurate transfer of information about medicines between care providers to prevent medicine errors and omissions and maximise medicines optimisation.

Prevention

Developing knowledge and skills to deliver services and support people with health prevention strategies and self-care will support the role of Integrated Care Systems (ICS), including local government, the NHS and other organisations in delivering public health. The NHS Long Term Plan has identified cardiovascular disease as a major cause of premature death and a priority area for improvement. Pharmacy professionals in all areas of practice have an important role to play in the prevention, identification and management of hypertension.

Workforce development

Our learning will support workforce development in all areas of the integrated care system. Whether you are looking to support the pharmacy workforce develop their clinical or underpinning professional skills, develop their areas of practice or prescribing, or increase understanding of roles across different settings, there a range of programmes to support this. In addition, our leadership programmes explore the challenges and rewards of leadership and offer the opportunity to develop skills and behaviours to improve delivery of services and patient outcomes.

You can access suggested resources for these areas and further information on learning programmes in our integrated care [linktree](#).

Reducing pressures on the system

Pharmacy teams in all areas of practice have potential to identify and contribute to care that reduces pressure on systems – by raising awareness of existing services, extending those services and being confident about when and where to refer people whose needs are more complex. Our learning programmes aim to help pharmacy teams to recognise the opportunities to provide effective support for people presenting with urgent care needs.

Community pharmacy technician: advancing your role programme

How can you support the development of your whole team, and the skill mix in your pharmacy?

The Community pharmacy technician: advancing your role programme is open to pharmacy technicians working in **community pharmacy or the Health and Justice sector**.

This is a fully funded course that helps pharmacy technicians develop the skills and confidence to deliver effective clinical services in community pharmacy and the Health and Justice sector. A shorter course, of about 3 months, supported by an education supervisor for individualised learning, enabling people to bring back to their workplace a range of new skills to support the whole team. <https://www.cppe.ac.uk/career/pt-ayr/pt-advancing>



Pharmacy technicians – impact groups

CPPE Pharmacy technician impact groups are a series of small group sessions for pharmacy technicians who would like to develop their skills and confidence further. They are designed to complement CPPE's [*Pharmacy technician enhancing your professional practice*](#) e-course.

The fully funded series of *CPPE Pharmacy technician impact groups* are open to any pharmacy technician delivering or supporting the delivery of NHS services in England in any area of practice. Employer's support is essential for attendance at the learning sets and for workplace development.

This is open to any pharmacy technician working in England from any area of practice who provides, or supports others to provide, NHS services.