

## Introduction

Hello from the newly-formed Pharmacy Workforce team at Norfolk and Waveney ICB. We will be introducing ourselves in more detail in due course, but have several updates for you in the interim. For any queries, please use the contacts in each article, or you can email us at [nwicb.pharmacyworkforce@nhs.net](mailto:nwicb.pharmacyworkforce@nhs.net)

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## Independent Prescribing - Applications for funded training offers for 2024/2025 are now open

Independent prescribing training places will be available to pharmacists who meet the required eligibility criteria:

- 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) and those who are working to provide primary care services (e.g., working in primary care) who are not employed in ARRS roles); and Health and Justice pharmacists
- Pharmacists enrolled on CPPE's Primary Care Pharmacy Education Pathway (PCPEP) and meet the PCPEP criteria to enrol on an Independent Prescribing Course
- Pharmacists working in an NHS Hospital Trust or Mental Health Trust (NHS managed sector); pharmacists working in an integrated care board, ICB (previously CCG pharmacists)

Courses are available with start date from September 2024 to March 2025, with several universities offering multiple dates for cohort intakes. University providers are now taking applications. Don't miss out – check your eligibility and apply now. Multiple providers offer this course and have different teaching approaches. Further details can be found here:

[Approved suppliers list - National Provision | NHS England | Workforce, training and education \(hee.nhs.uk\)](#)

We recognise that there is an ongoing challenge with finding a DPP for Independent Prescribing training, and this is one of our top priorities to increase this provision. You are advised to secure the support of a DPP prior to making an application. This DPP can be any

healthcare professional who meets the requirements of the relevant university – and are not limited to a doctor / pharmacist.

## Pharmacists – Postgraduate development modules; UEA – fully funded

UEA have released their funded postgraduate modules for the 2024/25 year. The programmes can be undertaken as individual 10 credit modules, or as a full programme of study – replacing what was previously referred to as the “Clinical Diploma”. Each module is completed over 3 months and involve a study day.

These are suitable for newly-qualified pharmacists (who would require the support of an educational supervisor), or those who are wishing to undertake CPD and upskill in new clinical areas, and can also be of use for those who are qualified prescribers, but are not yet actively prescribing to enhance confidence in a clinical area.

For further information on these courses please see: [Post-registration training for pharmacists \(uea.ac.uk\)](#) and email [pha.nqp@uea.ac.uk](mailto:pha.nqp@uea.ac.uk) for any queries on these courses.

## Focus Group Invitation – Pharmacy Professionals and Research

The poster features a teal and white color scheme. At the top left is the 'Pharmacy Research Professionals' logo, which includes a stylized leaf and mortar and pestle icon. The main title is 'Understanding the challenges and solutions to pharmacy professionals undertaking research'. Below this, it states 'We want to hear from registered pharmacists and pharmacy technicians both with and without research experience.' It then lists four online focus groups: Community (Tues 24th Sept 7pm-8.30pm), Primary Care (Wed 25th Sept 7pm-8.30pm), Hospital (Wed 2nd Oct 7pm-8.30pm), and Academia (Thurs 3rd Oct 7pm-8.30pm). A £50 voucher is offered to participants. An expression of interest form is provided with a QR code and a URL. The deadline is 13th Sept 2024. The poster is supported by NIHR (National Institute for Health and Care Research) and includes a 'Contact us' section with the email [pharmacyincubator@leicester.ac.uk](mailto:pharmacyincubator@leicester.ac.uk).

Link to the Expression of Interest form: [Pharmacy Professionals Incubator Focus Groups - Expression of Interest \(Page 1 of 4\) \(office.com\)](#)

**CPPE Leading for Change programme** – open NOW for pharmacy professionals (pharmacists and pharmacy technicians)



This course is 4 modules delivered online over 6 months and will enable you to develop your leadership skills. You need to have responsibility for leading a team or service to be eligible.

For further information, please see: [Leading for change : CPPE](#)

## **Accuracy Checking Pharmacy Technician Programme – CPPE**

Applications for the above course are now open. You must be registered with the GPhC, and meet the entry criteria. Further details about this course are available here: [Accuracy checking pharmacy technician programme : CPPE](#)