

Demystifying the role of a Pharmacist Designated Prescribing Practitioner webinar 19:30 – 20:30 23rd January 2023



The purpose of this webinar is to share the personal experiences of Pharmacist DPPs within London and the South East of England.



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Event Overview

Chair's Introduction and scene setting	Shane Costigan Regional Head of Pharmacy, Health Education England South East
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Reflections from ICB perspective	Rachel Mackay Associate Director of Pharmacy & Medicines Optimisation Surrey Heartlands Integrated Care System NHS Surrey Heartlands
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Insights, experiences and lessons, learned by DPP Pharmacist panel

Annant Damani	Cystic Fibrosis Pharmacist, Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust
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Kayt Blythin	Principal Clinical Pharmacist Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust and Medicines Optimisation for Care Homes
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Sarah Trust	Prescribing Support Pharmacist, Chapel Street Surgery, Newhaven
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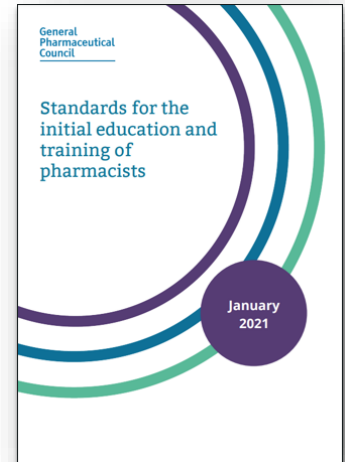
Maureen Aruede	Community Pharmacist, Dover, Kent
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Questions from the audience

Close and evaluation

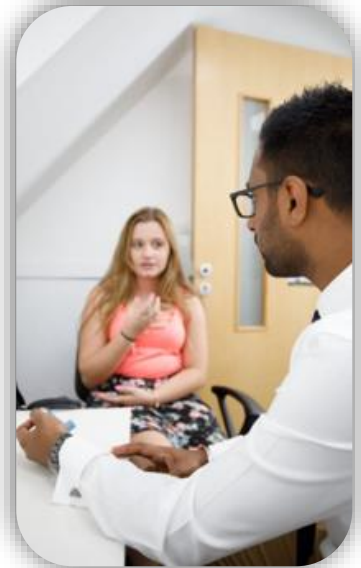
Setting the scene – Standards for the Initial Education and Training of Pharmacists

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



Meaning for the pharmacy profession?

- Huge opportunity for change in the delivery of clinical services across all sectors of pharmacy practice
- IETP reform will support the development of a prescribing workforce at the point of first registration:
 - Equipping pharmacists with the necessary consultation skills and confidence to provide the clinical services expected by patients and the NHS, working across health systems.



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

HEE IP commissioning – Summer 2022

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 will need to speak with workforce/education and training leads within their organisation to check the internal process before applying



Non Medical Prescriber Supervision

HEE is leading a piece of work with other HEE Programmes nationally to **increase access and capacity to non-medical prescriber supervision.**

The aim is to explore how cross-sector training capacity can be developed and sustained.

There will be a focus on interventions across four key domains:

1. Information and communications
2. Consistency and standardisation
3. System empowerment
4. Career development



LaSE Early Career DPP work to date

- 21/22 LaSE IP Survey captured DPP numbers across secondary care and PCN/ GP practice among respondents
- Scoping of Designated Prescribing Practitioner Requirements for Independent Prescribing courses -UKCPA 2022 conference publication
- Scoping work with DPPs and IPs who have had pharmacist DPPs to inform HEE DPP strategy
- Collaboration with HEE National Team with creation of online repository of information for DPP workforce development to be launched Spring 2023
- Webinars to support DPP workforce 9/1/23 and repeated 23/1/23
- Signposting to Mentor resources



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ICS Strategic context

Rachel Mackay – Associate Director for Pharmacy & Medicines Optimisation,
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- Systems experiencing increased demand for DPPs due to IET changes which came into effect in Jan 2021
- Currently either no or very low pharmacist DPPs within systems – none in Surrey Heartlands
- Existing pool of nurse DPPs and DMPs already stretched
- Systems are developing strategies to increase DPP capacity for the increased number of IP learners – working closely with HEE and other partners
- Taking a multi-professional approach
- Concern that community pharmacy sector may get left behind as access to DPP much harder
- ICS drive to increase neighborhood services – community pharmacy is integral to these plans

Over to the Panel

**Please type your
questions into the chat**

DPP: Annant Damani- Adult Cystic Fibrosis Unit, Frimley Park Hospital, DGH Annant.Damani@nhs.net

How did you get involved to become a DPP?

Fell into it (ouch)

What are the benefits and challenges of being a DPP?

+ : colleague grow, motivated, develops the profession, promotes pharmacy to the MDT, cover 😊

- : specialist v generalist, workload, time

Resources you have found to be particularly useful with your role as DPP

University training programme

How do you maintain your DPP competency?

RPS, active prescriber, appraisal,

What advice would you give to someone considering taking on the DPP role?

Advantages > disadvantages, recruitment, fulfilling, JDI!

**DPP: Kayt Blythin – Principal Clinical Pharmacist
Sussex Community foundation Trust – MOCH services
(Community NHS Services) Kayt.Blythin@nhs.net**

How did you get involved to become a DPP?

CPPE Primary Care pathway includes NMP training. The MOCH service has pharmacists on this course and needed a DMP/DPP

What are the benefits and challenges of being a DPP?

DPP for pharmacists known to me - a natural extension of clinical supervision role, ensures NMP role is developed appropriately to service provision needs. DPP for pharmacists not directly managing is more challenging as baseline clinical competence not familiar with.

Resources you have found to be particularly useful with your role as a DPP

Adaptation of the RPS Prescribing Competency framework – added **RAG**

How do you maintain your DPP competency?

Attending introductory DPP briefing provided by University, [HealthVLE - My Courses](#)
– DPP course e-learning,

What advice would you give to someone considering taking on the DPP role?

Natural extension of clinical leadership role within pharmacy workforce

DPP: Sarah Trust -Prescribing Support Pharmacist Chapel Street Surgery, Newhaven Sarah.Trust1@nhs.net

How did you get involved to become a DPP?

I was approached to be a DPP by a former colleague who knew I was a prescriber

What are the benefits and challenges of being a DPP?

I am finding this rewarding and immensely gratifying as I feel that am influencing the direction of another pharmacy discipline. The challenge is not working directly with the pharmacist, but we have overcome this.

Resources you have found to be particularly useful with your role as a DPP

I have found the RPS framework to be helpful, my background to be helpful and my connections through and extensive career

How do you maintain your DPP competency?

I have regular review of my clinical competency and prescribe every day of my working career since 2015 when I qualified as a prescriber.

What advice would you give to someone considering taking on the DPP role?

The advice I would give to you all is to do it!

DPP: Maureen Aruede- Community Pharmacist, Dover, Kent **maureen.aruede@nhs.net Scope of practice anticoagulation**

How did you get involved to become a DPP?

Volunteered to be a DPP due to challenges of finding one for a locum pharmacist.
Previous experience a “pre-reg tutor” and tutoring and meeting competencies,

What are the benefits and challenges of being a DPP?

Personally - satisfying and rewarding to support others.

Challenges are time pressures from both sides – the DPP and learner

Resources you have found to be particularly useful with your role as a DPP

RPS framework and draw on my experiences from over the years.

I had to familiarize myself with the competencies for the Uni course because this was slightly different for each university.

How do you maintain your DPP competency?

RPS competency framework

What advice would you give to someone considering taking on the DPP role?

It has to be something you really would like to do, then it's easy.

Helping others to become prescribers is something you can be proud of

Question and Answers



Please type questions into the chat
Questions will be collated, responded to and shared on the HEE pharmacy national website when launched in Spring 2023 within a DPP resources page.



Evaluation of the webinar to support future DPP development
- follow link provided in chat and email.
(open until midnight Friday 27th January)



Further webinars to support DPP development coming soon