

Regional team news

We are delighted to appoint Sarita Savani as the new regional tutor for East of England, replacing Saadhiya Hussain. Sarita currently works as an Education Supervisor for CPPE and will be starting her role as regional tutor from 01 December 2023.

Online workshops

- Dates for our online workshops for the autumn semester, January to March 2024, are released on 2nd November 2023
- Due to additional demand for places on our NHS CPCS essential skills workshop, we have increased the number of spaces available on each workshop. Please find the [booking link for online workshop](#).
- **New - Deprescribing online workshop** – We know from the [National overprescribing review \(2021\)](#) that more needs to be done to reduce overprescribing and ensure more effective use of medicines. The aim of the workshop is to develop knowledge and skills to enable a shared decision-making approach to the safe and appropriate deprescribing of medicines and the learning is suitable for pharmacy professionals working across **all areas** of pharmacy.
- **Workshop timings** – From 1st October we will open Zoom rooms for all online workshops 10 mins prior to the advertised start time to allow learners to familiarise with Zoom and get support from tutors prior to the start of the workshop.

New learning programmes / learning gateways

We have recently launched The [Fundamentals of child health e-course](#). The aim of the programme is to help pharmacy professionals develop the knowledge and skills to take a person-centred approach to supporting children and their families/carers with their health, optimising medicines and improving health outcomes for children and young people.



Primary care pharmacy education pathway (PCPEP)

Since 2017, CPPE has been commissioned to offer various iterations of the primary care education pathways for pharmacy professionals. This development was part of the NHS Long Term Plan to put around 9000 pharmacy professionals into primary care roles. By the end of March 2023, we had around 7500 learners who were on or had completed the pathways, meaning that we were responsible for training almost the entire cohort needed by the NHS. By September 2023 over 8200 learners have engaged with CPPE for their primary care learning. Over the last two years we have enrolled over 750 learners for each

of our three semesters. The input and engagement of the whole team has enabled this to happen, assured support for learners and motivated people to complete the course.

You can access a copy of the latest PCPEP newsletter (no 21) [here](#).

Key highlights in the latest newsletter include exciting research conducted by two senior pharmacy technicians from CPPE on pharmacy technician support on PCPEP which was also presented at the recent APTUK conference. In addition, the APTUK conference showcased the work of several pharmacy technicians who had completed PCPEP or the MOCH pathway which helps demonstrate how the role of pharmacy technicians is evolving and moving into more patient facing clinical roles.

The PCPEP newsletter also details exciting news on the research publication on the validation of the **Medicines Related-Consultation Assessment Tool (MR-CAT)**. MR-CAT was designed by CPPE as a new tool to assess pharmacy professionals' consultation skills on the extended vocational pharmacy pathways. It is based on the structure of the Calgary Cambridge consultation model.

In addition to utilising MR-CAT as an assessment tool, it can also be used as a self-assessment tool, to facilitate ongoing development in consultation skills. See Reflecting on your current skills section of the *Consultation skills face-to-face and remote learning gateway* page [Consultation Skills - Face to face and remote \(cppe.ac.uk\)](#).

Independent Prescribing Resources

The CPPE [Prescribing gateway page](#) has useful links to resources to support anyone thinking about becoming an independent prescriber through to wanting to return to prescribing or extending their scope of practice.

A new course [Preparing to train as an independent prescriber](#) has also launched to support pharmacists develop the skills and confidence to get ready and best prepare for independent prescriber training.

[Community pharmacy technician: advancing your role](#)

This new NHS England fully funded training programme will help pharmacy technicians develop the skills and confidence to deliver effective clinical services in community pharmacy. This is to ensure that they have the right post-registration training to enable confident, safe working practices, career development opportunities and can contribute to a wider skill mix within community pharmacy. Launching in September, up to 840 pharmacy technicians will be able to apply for the training.

To register and find out more about the programme visit the [CPPE website](#).

