

What's New at CPPE?

New e-learning: Parkinson's – providing person-centred support.

Our new, short e-learning will help pharmacy professionals feel confident in delivering the New Medicines Service, Discharge Medicines Service and preparing for SMRs. The short programme was developed with the assistance of Parkinson's UK, using their 15-minute *Parkinson's Essentials* course and signposting to their wider Excellence Network resources. You'll learn about time-critical medicines, person-centred communication, and holistic care. Access the programme [here](#).

New Depression online workshop

This is a timely addition to our portfolio with depression being added to the New Medicines Service. However, the workshop will be useful for pharmacy professionals working in any sector of practice to help develop skills and confidence in breaking the silence using a person-centred approach to having conversations with people about depression.

Click on the programme link to find out more and book a place - [Depression – having meaningful conversations Focal Point](#) online workshop. Workshops run from June 2025.

New programmes coming soon.

Topic	Programme format	Planned launch date
Diabetic ketoacidosis: focus on patient safety	Optimise: Online work-based learning	July 2025
Respiratory clinical assessment skills	Face to face workshop	September 2025
Framework for safer prescribing: weight loss medicines	Face to face workshop for 12 months post launch with switch to online workshop format thereafter	October 2025
Review and update of the New medicines service (NMS) and Sexual health in pharmacies learning programme	e-learning	November 2025
Support for prescribers – extending scope of practice	e-course plus online workshop	November 2025

Online events

For one month only, [Safe processes for medicines optimisation in the care home](#) is open to all pharmacy professionals. Online workshops are available on 21 and 31 July.

Dates for online workshops running from **October-December 2025** will go live on 17 July 2025 - [click here](#) to access details and dates of all online workshops.

Face-to-face events

NHS Pharmacy Contraception Service- delivering effective consultations to initiate contraception.

Location: The View, Welwyn Golf Club, Herts, AL7 2ED

Date: 17 September 2025

Time: 7.00-9.00pm

Tutor: Zara Mehra

[Book a place](#)

New face- face event for the Autumn semester

[Prescribing perspectives: a focus on weight management](#)

The aim of this programme is to develop your knowledge and skills to adopt a structured approach to safely provide weight management medicines, whether the mechanism of supply is prescribing or under a patient group direction. The workshop is being piloted in July and face to face workshops will be running across the region from October 2025. Dates and locations of the workshop will be available for booking shortly.

NEW Leadership cohorts

Applications for the Autumn cohorts of our [Leading for change programme](#) open on 30 June.

Applications for the [CPhO's pharmacy leaders development programme](#), starting October 2025, are now open. Only 30 places are available.

Optimise – new resources

We recently added another topic to our Optimise work-based learning format- *Getting started with research*. The programme aims to support pharmacy professionals with thinking about how they can become involved with research. It signposts to a range of tools and resources that can be helpful when beginning a research journey.

Extended programmes to develop skills.

- **Advancing your practice in education pathway**

We have developed a new pathway which is open to pharmacists and pharmacy technicians in any sector looking to advance their practice in the education, training and development of others.

Watch a short video on the [programme information page](#) to hear from the programme developer, Sarah Evans, who will tell you a bit more about the pathway, the fantastic learning it offers and why you should enrol.

- **Qualified Pharmacist Programme**

With some focused conversations about this programme by tutors and education supervisors when visiting community pharmacies, the current cohort for the Newly qualified pharmacist programme is full. The next cohort will start in November with bookings going live in August or September. You can find out more [here](#).

- **Community pharmacy technician: advancing your role programme**

This programme is continuing in 2025/26 and is open to all pharmacy technicians currently working in community pharmacy and the Health and Justice sector. The programme includes face-to-face and online workshops, as well as a self-directed e-course. It's a great way to develop your skills and confidence in delivering effective clinical services, guided by your specific learning needs and the support of a highly skilled CPPE education supervisor. To speak to us about the programme, email info@cppe.ac.uk and ask for our CPT-AYR team.

Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) advanced practice supported programme

The pilot saw 306 pharmacists participating, with 128 pharmacists submitting their portfolios by March 2025 (42%). Of those who submitted: 65 (51%) submitted and passed first time (comparable to consultant level portfolios).

Of those who did not pass, 40 candidates (63%) chose to resubmit their portfolios, resulting in: 35 (87.5%) resubmitting and passing.

We have shared our experiences with three successful poster submissions to various conferences. Emma Wright also presented about the RPS pilot at the Clinical Pharmacy Congress on 9 May 2025

We are pleased to announce that the supported route for pharmacists in creating their core advanced portfolios is going to continue. More information, including how to apply, can be found on the CPPE website.

Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP) sign up

All pharmacists who have successfully passed their RPS Core Advanced portfolios can act as a DPP. 'The RPS core advanced credential can be used as an assurance mechanism that an individual has also demonstrated the breadth of the RPS DPP competencies. If you are a pharmacist who can act as a DPP, please sign up here: <https://www.dppsupport.co.uk>

Independent prescribing places 2025/26

Pharmacists on the PCPEP have independent prescribing funded at the end of their training. NHS England launched the list of IP places for 2025/2026 in late May. The complete list can be found here: [Approved suppliers list - National Provision | NHS England | Workforce, training and education](#)

Opportunity for pharmacists to participate in an academic research study – University of Exeter

The University of Exeter has developed an online survey to understand the current practices, experiences, and training and development needs for pharmacists working in a general practice. This is an exploratory piece of research to better understand the role and clinical activities of practice-based pharmacists. Here is the link to find out more and take part: [General Practice England Pharmacist Workforce Qualtrics Survey](#)

Celebrating diversity

Every month, we publish an article on the [CPPE news page](#) of our website, celebrating diversity and highlighting how forthcoming celebrations, festivals or observances can impact on pharmacy practice. The July 2025 article highlights:

- South Asian Heritage Month (18th July – 17th August)
- Ashura (Islam) (6th)
- Dharma Day (Buddhism) (10th)
- Fast of the 17th of Tammuz (Judaism) (13th)
- International Non-Binary People's Day (14th)

Read the [July article](#).

Ongoing learning support

- [NHS Pharmacy First - Delivering a quality service](#)
 - Do you want support to have effective consultations with people who request antibiotics that are not indicated?
 - Do you want support to have effective consultations with people who request NHS Pharmacy First but are excluded by PGDs?
 - Do you want support to effectively record your NHS Pharmacy First consultations? Dr Phil Xiu shows us what a good consultation record looks like.
- [CPPE resources for the NHS Pharmacy First service](#)
 - This is a news article with a useful list of links to all our resources related to Pharmacy First
- [Return to prescribing](#)
 - If the podcast has inspired, you to return to prescribing why not book onto [Return to prescribing](#).
 - To learn more about career progression and what you need to do to advance, we have a lot of resources for you:
 - [Pharmacy technicians: using patient group directions in practice](#)
 - [Quality improvement \(QI\): an introduction for pharmacy professionals](#) & [Managing projects](#)
- [Environmental sustainability](#)
- [Valproate: the hard conversations focal point](#)