

This document provides information about the education pathway for pharmacists employed as part of the NHS England primary care Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service (DES) additional roles. At the request of Health Education England, CPPE has reviewed its extended education pathway for pharmacists working in primary care to align with the NHS Long Term Plan and the primary care Network (PCN) Contract DES. The pathway has been renamed the *Primary care pharmacy education pathway (PCPEP)*. Newsletter 1 has more background information about the pathway and how to enrol, and can be downloaded from **our website**.

If you have any queries about the pathway that you can't find the answer to on our website, please email: **primarycare@cppe.ac.uk**

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### **Pathway October update**

We currently have 240 pharmacists on cohort 1 of the *Primary care pharmacy education pathway (PCPEP)*. Some of these pharmacists are part of the last waves of the previous NHS England clinical pharmacists in general practice programme and the rest are pharmacists who have already taken up PCN roles that are supported by the additional-roles funding.

Cohort 1 has started and applications for cohort 2 have now opened. Cohort 2 starts in January 2020 but there is plenty of learning to be getting on with. There will be up to 400 places on the January cohort. Bookings will close when it is full or in early January, whichever comes first. Enrolment is via the CPPE website, at: **[www.cppe.ac.uk/career/pcpep/pcpep-training-pathway](http://www.cppe.ac.uk/career/pcpep/pcpep-training-pathway)**

Please ensure that your pharmacists enrol as soon possible. Early enrolment helps your pharmacist get connected to their training pathway quickly and enables CPPE to plan where the training hubs are going to run for the cohort.

Cohort 3 will start at the beginning of May 2020 and bookings will open in the third week of January.

### **Myths and misconceptions**

#### **PCNs can choose to send the pharmacists on the training**

**No** - This education pathway is compulsory for all those employed by PCNs using the additional-roles funding, unless they are exempt for the reasons described on our website.

The PCN DES states "*Clinical pharmacists employed through the network contract funding will either be already undertaking, need to enrol in or have qualified from **an accredited** training pathway that equips the pharmacist to be able to practise and prescribe safely and effectively as part of the PCN multidisciplinary team. NHSE&I and Health Education England (HEE) have arranged a new Primary Care Pharmacy Education Programme to allow all clinical pharmacists in PCNs to access and complete **an accredited training** pathway if required.*"

In this context, “*accredited*” by NHS England means the CPPE course, which is officially recognised by NHS England as meeting the requirements for pharmacists working in primary care. As the accredited pathway aligned with the NHS Long Term Plan and the primary care Network (PCN) Contract DES, CPPE’s *Primary care pharmacy education pathway* (PCPEP) is the training pathway for PCN pharmacists.

**Pharmacists can do another postgraduate course at the same time as the CPPE pathway**

**No** – Experience with delivering the extended education pathways has shown that pharmacists struggle if they try to do two courses at the same time and usually disengage with one, which means they miss out on important learning and it is also a waste of public money. If pharmacists are already enrolled on another postgraduate education programme (HEE funded or self-funded), they must complete that before starting the CPPE pathway. If the pharmacist has plans to start another course, they must put those plans on hold until after the end of the pathway. By other courses we mean independent prescribing training, postgraduate clinical courses, advanced clinical practitioner training or any other postgraduate course. Please note that independent prescribing is funded by HEE as part of the training for PCN pharmacists.

**Pharmacists who have transitioned from clinical pharmacist in general practice roles do not need to enrol on the new PCPEP training**

**Yes** – These pharmacists will either have finished or still be part of the CPPE *Clinical pharmacists in general practice education* pathway. This pathway is recognised by NHS England and HEE as being suitable for pharmacists working in primary care roles. They do not need to retrain on the PCPEP.

**The CPPE pathway does not provide the pharmacist with a qualification**

The pathway does not provide a formal academic qualification, but it does provide the pharmacists with an award which is recognised by NHS England as being the evidence required to meet the competencies for the new roles in primary care. With the move towards more workplace-based vocational training, the CPPE pathway is leading the way with extended courses which provide experiential learning with individual educational, clinical supervision and support. The CPPE final award, the *Statement of assessment and progression* is the new currency for jobs in primary care.

**Clinical supervisors need to be GPs**

**No** – It is important that the pharmacists have clinical supervision that is appropriate for the role that they are undertaking. Pharmacists working in general practice are taking on roles traditionally done by GPs and, as such, must have access to GP clinical supervisors. Some of the supervision could be delegated to another suitably trained healthcare professional, such as a practice nurse supervising some of the clinical examination skills, but the GP clinical supervisor will have ultimate oversight. Pharmacists working in care homes could be supervised by a senior pharmacist with experience in care homes or perhaps a consultant geriatrician. Here is a quick reference guide:

Pharmacy professional	Clinical supervisor required
Pharmacist working mainly in a GP practice	GP
Pharmacist working mainly in a care homes	GP, consultant geriatrician, pharmacist experienced in care homes
Pharmacist working in both areas	GP or consultant geriatrician

Pharmacy technician working in a GP practice	Pharmacist experienced in a GP practice
Pharmacy technician working in a care home	Pharmacist experienced in a care home

### Information webinars

If you want to hear more about the pathway or have the opportunity to ask questions, please join one of the monthly webinars that CPPE is running. These are for one hour and are intended for employers, potential learners and local commissioners. You can also watch a recording using this link <https://bit.ly/2GtOBV4>

- **October 16** 2019, 12:00pm. Register in advance for this webinar:  
<https://cppe.zoom.us/webinar/register/400ef6fccdb40e397c24e00bf0acd2b8>
- **November 4** 2019, 12:00pm. Register in advance for this webinar:  
<https://cppe.zoom.us/webinar/register/2c604088c138f6a67c24e00bf0acd2b8>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

### Clinical supervisor training

There is a range of healthcare professionals providing clinical supervision within the pathway and CPPE is providing training to help you support your learners. All clinical supervisors supporting pharmacy professionals on the *Primary care pharmacy education pathway* are required to attend clinical supervisor training.

We appreciate that you are providing support in addition to your everyday roles and responsibilities and so you may be limited for time. Equally we know that people learn in different ways, so we are proposing two different training options; online training (two webinars) or attendance at a study day.

Option 1 – webinar 1 <b>AND</b> 2 See next page for instructions on how to book.	Option 2 – face-to-face day See next page for how to apply through the CPPE website.
<p><b>Clinical supervisor webinar 1</b> <i>An introduction to the training pathway, clinical supervisor responsibilities and feedback models</i> Tuesday 26 November 2019, 12:00pm – 1:30pm Key code: CSW2019</p>	<p><b>Clinical supervisor training day</b>  Tuesday 12 November 2019, 10:30am – 4:30pm  The Priory Rooms, Quaker Meeting House, 40 Bull Street, Birmingham, B4 6AF  Book via the CPPE website using this <b>link</b>.  Key code: CSW2019</p>
<p><b>Clinical supervisor webinar 2</b> <i>The pathway assessment process</i> Wednesday 11 December 2019, 12:00pm-1:30pm Key code: CSW2019</p>	

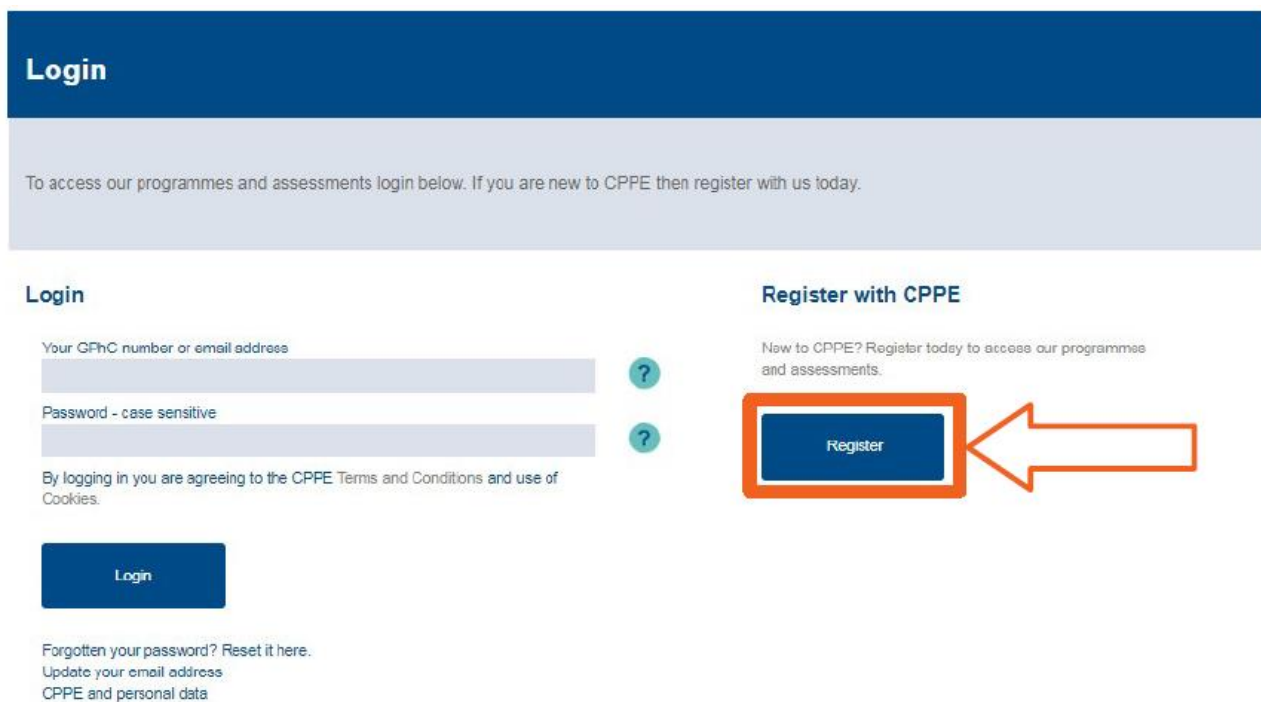
There will be pre-workshop tasks to complete and these will be sent by email prior to the events. More study days will be added in the future.

### **Clinical supervisor study day booking for non-pharmacy professionals**

If you choose to attend the study day, you must book via the CPPE website using the links on the previous page. If you are not a pharmacy professional you will not have a GPhC number, and you will need to register with the CPPE website in a slightly different way to pharmacy professional colleagues. Please refer below.

### **Non-GPhC people booking study day**


- First register with the CPPE website.
- Click on the *Login* button in the top right hand corner of the CPPE homepage and follow the instruction below, or click **here**.
- Click on the right hand side.
- Click on the button highlighted below and complete the registration




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### **Mailing list for clinical supervisors and employers**

We want to be able to communicate in a timely manner with clinical supervisors and employers, so we encourage all clinical supervisors and line managers of the PCN pharmacists to subscribe to our email distribution list. We will then be able to notify you about clinical supervisor training, updates about the education pathway, success stories and other information that will help you support the learners.

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