

Specimen Declaration of Competence for pharmacy services

Chlamydia* Testing and Treatment Service

Level 1 (Pharmacy Testing)

Level 2 (Pharmacy Testing and Treatment using PGD)

The Declaration of Competence system

A separate document entitled *A guide to using the Declaration of Competence (DoC) system* is published on the CPPE website. It contains more information about the DoC system, how to use it and how to complete the DoC statement. If you are new to DoC or would like a reminder of this information, visit the [CPPE website](#).

Keeping up to date

To provide the Chlamydia Testing and Treatment Service you should complete the following Declaration of Competence framework at least every **two years**.

Revalidation

Working through this DoC framework encourages self-reflection on practice and peer review and provides a structured approach to supporting pharmacy professionals with CPD and revalidation requirements. For more information about revalidation and to record your entries, visit:

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*In some areas dual testing kits, which include gonorrhoea testing, may be provided. This is also covered by this DoC.

Section A – Declaration of Competence framework

Note: Although you may not be preparing to provide a commissioned service for Chlamydia Testing or Chlamydia Treatment, the Declaration of Competence system can be used as a development tool to ensure you are competent in this subject area, as part of your daily practice.

Core competencies

1. Do you meet or are you **actively**¹ working towards the Consultation Skills for Pharmacy Practice: Practice Standards for England, as determined by Health Education England?

Yes, because I have:

2. Do you meet the competencies expected of all healthcare professionals with regard to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults?

Yes, because I have:

¹ If you confirm that you are 'actively working towards' the standards, you are declaring that you are undertaking the relevant learning and CPD to meet the standards. It is expected that you will have accessed the standards and associated learning to meet this requirement and that you will complete the assessment within 12 months of signing the Declaration of Competence statement.

As a pharmacy professional you should continuously seek to develop your consultation skills throughout your career and, therefore, this topic should regularly feature in your CPD plan. To access the assessment, go to the [CPPE website](#). If you have not yet completed the assessment, you should be able to provide evidence of the consultation skills learning you have undertaken.

Service-specific competencies: Are you/Do you?

Statements should be supported by appropriate evidence whenever possible. If the learning you have completed applies to more than one competency, then you do not need to repeat this information. You can use this table for your own self-assessment purposes; you only need to submit this part of the statement if your commissioner asks for it.

LEVEL 1

This level covers the provision of the Chlamydia Testing Service/Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea Dual Testing Service without supply of treatment.

a. Are you confident in raising the issue of and responding to questions about sexual health?
Yes, because I have undertaken the following:

b. Do you understand and are you aware of common sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including their signs and symptoms?
Yes, because I have undertaken the following:

c. Are you able to communicate with clients appropriately and sensitively?
Yes, because I have undertaken the following:

d. Are you able to advise on the risk of STIs and how to practise safer sex including condom use?
Yes, because I have undertaken the following:

e. Are you able to discuss testing and proactively offer testing to relevant populations?

Yes, because I have undertaken the following:

f. Are you able to explain how to use the kit and encourage return of the test and further explain how the test result will be received?

Yes, because I have undertaken the following:

g. Do you understand how and when to refer clients for further testing and when to ask for support and advice?

Yes, because I have undertaken the following:

h. Can you support and develop the pharmacy team in the delivery of a safe and effective service?

Yes, because I have undertaken the following:

LEVEL 2 (pharmacist only)

This level expands on the Level 1 competencies where the Chlamydia Testing and Treatment service uses PGDs to support treatment of chlamydia. The following competencies also apply. These include core PGD competencies.

i. Are you able to take a good clinical history that allows supply under the PGD of the relevant medicines?

Yes, because I have undertaken the following:

j. Are you able to discuss basic partner(s) notification and/or advise clients on tracing partner(s)?

Yes, because I have undertaken the following:

k. Do you understand the pharmacotherapy for the full range of available medicine(s), the appropriate clinical guidance (eg, NICE) and local antimicrobial guidance?

Yes, because I have undertaken the following:

l. Can you satisfy the NICE competency framework for health professionals using PGDs, including understanding the legal implications and professional responsibility of using a PGD?

Yes, because I have undertaken the following:

m. Are you able to carry out assessment and treatment of asymptomatic chlamydia infection?

Yes, because I have undertaken the following:

n. Are you able to advise on the treatment of chlamydia infection?

Yes, because I have undertaken the following:

Commissioner requirements

Consider the following commissioner requirements and complete this section.

Action	Competency	Date completed
Have a working knowledge of the most recent service documents relating to provision of the service, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the service specification administration and claims procedures etc. 	h and k, l	
Have a working knowledge of the current PGD and agree to work under its provisions (Level 2 only).	h and k, l	
Review and/or develop relevant standard operating procedures (SOPs) and policies in your practice.	h	

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Section B – Recommended learning and assessment

Table 1.1 contains details of the learning and assessment available to support you in meeting the core professional competencies within the self-assessment framework.

Table 1.2 contains details of CPPE learning programmes and assessments you can use to help develop your skills and knowledge to satisfy the service-specific competencies in the self-assessment framework.

Table 1.3 provides information on other associated learning.

Information relating to learning acquired from other training providers can be entered in Table 1.4.

1.1 Learning and assessment to support you to meet core competencies

Training/learning	Core competencies linked to the DoC framework
CPPE Consultation skills for pharmacy practice: taking a patient-centred approach distance learning	1
CPPE Consultation skills: what good practice looks like e-learning	1
Consultation Skills for Pharmacy Practice website	1
CPPE Consultation skills for pharmacy practice e-assessment	1
CPPE Culturally competent communication in person-centred care e-learning	1
elearning for healthcare Safeguarding adults Level 1	2
elearning for healthcare Safeguarding adults Level 2	2
elearning for healthcare Safeguarding children Level 1	2
elearning for healthcare Safeguarding children Level 2	2
CPPE Safeguarding children, young people and adults: Level 2 case studies for pharmacy professionals e-learning	2
Health Education England Spotting the signs of child sexual exploitation	2

1.2 CPPE programmes, workshops and assessments you could access if required

Training/Learning	Service-specific competencies linked to the DoC framework (Level 1)	Service-specific competencies linked to the DoC framework (Level 2)
CPPE <i>Sexual health in pharmacies</i> e-learning programme	a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h	i, j, k, m, n
CPPE <i>Dealing with difficult discussions</i> e-learning programme	a, c, d, e, g	
CPPE <i>Sexual health in pharmacies</i> e-assessment	a, b, c, d, e	i, j, k, l, m, n

1.3 Other associated learning you may wish to access

Training/learning	Service-specific competencies linked to the DoC framework
<u>NICE MPG2: Patient group directions</u>	l
<u>NICE competency framework for health professionals using patient group directions</u>	l
<u>British Association for Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH) Current guidelines</u> <i>Management of infection with Chlamydia trachomatis</i> <i>Sexual history taking and STI testing</i>	a, b, c, d, e, i, j, k, m, n
<u>elearning for healthcare: Patient Group Directions</u>	l

1.4 Learning and assessment completed from other training providers

You can complete training courses and workshops delivered by other trainers, provided that they deliver the equivalent knowledge and learning outcomes to meet the competencies in Section A (as with the CPPE programmes listed). You should list non-CPPE learning and assessments you have completed in the table below. Please also list any practical training courses attended here.

Training/learning/competencies/assessment (list below)	List competencies covered from DoC framework

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Pharmacy professional:	John Smith
GPhC number:	20202020

CPPE learning and assessment

The above pharmacy professional has accessed the following learning and successfully completed the listed assessment(s) from the Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE).

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This section will list personalised information on CPPE learning programmes and assessments and dates accessed and completed.

NB: e-learning and distance learning programmes are verified by successful completion of the associated assessments.

Learning and assessment completed from other providers (please add below)

Declaration by pharmacy professional: I declare that (please tick, as appropriate):

I meet the underlying professional core competencies outlined in statements 1 and 2.	
I have completed the self-assessment framework of service-specific competencies for the Chlamydia Testing Level 1 (non-PGD) Service and answered yes to ALL of the statements a to h.	
I have reviewed the local policies and documentation from commissioners for this service and reviewed and/or developed relevant SOP(s) in my practice.	
The information above is a true representation of my learning and assessment.	
I have the necessary knowledge and skills to provide the Chlamydia Testing Service (Level 1) and can demonstrate these skills.	
Level 2 for PGD services only: I am a pharmacist who will supply treatment under the PGD element of the service and have completed the self-assessment framework of service-specific competencies and answered yes to statements a to n.	
Level 2 for PGD services only: I am a pharmacist and have signed and attached a copy of the relevant PGD(s) for this service which cover(s) the supply of the following medicine(s):	
Level 2 for PGD services only: I am a pharmacist and have the necessary knowledge and skills to provide the Chlamydia Testing and Treatment Service (Level 2) and can demonstrate these skills.	

Signature of pharmacist/pharmacy technician (delete as appropriate):

Date:.....

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