

# Primary care pharmacy education pathway newsletter

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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).

To request the first newsletter with more background information please email [emma.wright@cppe.ac.uk](mailto:emma.wright@cppe.ac.uk)

We currently have 1220 pharmacists enrolled in the PCPEP training pathway. Applications for cohort 1 will close on 13th September or earlier if we reach maximum numbers. We will open bookings for cohort 2 in the last week of September. As we arrange face to face events around geographical 'hubs', it is important that we know where your pharmacists are.

Some hubs will only run if there is sufficient demand, so please encourage your pharmacists to enrol promptly.

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### PCPEP handbooks

The pathway handbooks are now available to download from our website.

<https://www.cppe.ac.uk/career/pcpep/pathway-handbooks>

Your pharmacists will receive a printed copy of the Pathway and role progression and Clinical supervisor and clinical mentor handbooks at the first module 1 induction residential. We will not be printing designed, glossy copies as they need updating too often as the pathway progresses.

### Training exemption

As expected, NHSE and HEE require national consistency of competencies for the training of PCN pharmacists and have provided salary support to release pharmacists for training. As an education organisation, CPPE has created a diverse portfolio of learning that ensures plenty of worthwhile learning for all. In some cases pharmacists may be eligible to apply for exemption for all or part of the training pathway.

Examples of exemption of the entire pathway include completion of a previous CPPE pathway with the Statement of Assessment and Progression or completing a recent advanced clinical practitioner qualification in a related role. Partial exemptions may be possible if the pharmacist can prove equivalent learning to different modules on the training pathway

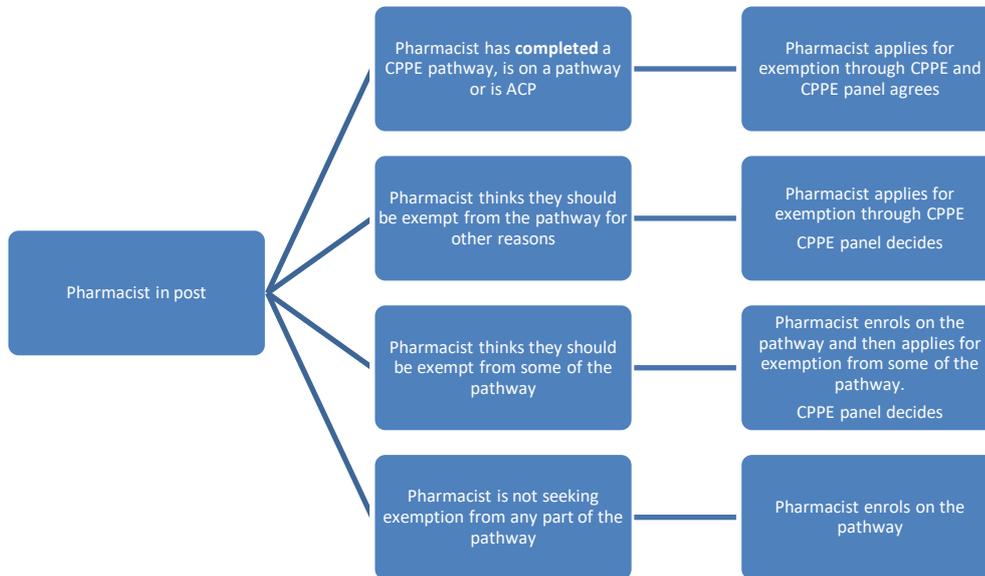


Figure 1 – application for exemption process

Process - all pharmacists funded with NHSE PCN additional funds must either enrol on the pathway or apply for exemption. using the NHSE/HEE agreed process, which is now available on our website <https://www.cppe.ac.uk/career/pcpep/exemptions> . This process creates the necessary audit trail for NHSE/HEE. The application will go to a CPPE panel to decide. An appeals process will be available via a NHSE/HEE panel. Some learning may be available for exempt pharmacists, but will not include 1:1 education supervisor support. The process is outlined in figure 1.

**PCPEP Module 1 Residential events**

CPPE will be running the seven or eight hubs for Module 1 of PCPEP. **Please note: attendance at the module 1 residentials is compulsory for your pharmacist. If they cannot attend in their region they may book in another region, as long as there is capacity. If they cannot attend any dates they will need to wait until January 2020 and enrol with cohort 2.** Some of these events may be full. The learners will receive information on how to book once they have enrolled on the education pathway.

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| <b>London</b> | <b>Theobalds, Cheshunt</b>            |
| • Days 1 & 2  | Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th October |
| • Days 3 & 4  | Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th November |

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| <b>London</b> | <b>Theobalds, Cheshunt</b>             |
| • Days 1 & 2  | Tuesday 29th & Wednesday 30th October  |
| • Days 3 & 4  | Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th November |

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| <b>London and South</b> | <b>Hilton Cobham, Surrey</b>           |
| • Days 1 & 2            | Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th October  |
| • Days 3 & 4            | Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th November |

**Southwest**

**Doubletree Bristol**

- Days 1 & 2 Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th October
- Days 3 & 4 Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th November

**Midlands**

**University of Warwick**

- Days 1 & 2 Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th October
- Days 3 & 4 Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th November

**Northeast and Yorkshire**

**Leeds Met**

- Days 1 & 2 Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th October
- Days 3 & 4 Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th November

**Northwest**

**Chancellors Manchester**

- Days 1 & 2 Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th October
- Days 3 & 4 Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st November

**How much do you know about the role of clinical pharmacist?**

Clinical pharmacists have been working in general practice for years, but hundreds more joined practice teams as part of the NHS England clinical pharmacists in general practice national programme, and now with funding available under the primary care network contract, the numbers are growing.

<https://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/how-much-do-you-know-about-the-role-of-clinical-pharmacist>

**Information webinars**

CPPE is running regular one-hour information webinars about the pathway for employers, potential learners and local commissioners. You can watch a recording using this link: <https://bit.ly/2GtOBV4>

The next live webinars are planned for the following dates. Please register in advance:

- September 10 2019, 1:00pm. Register in advance for this webinar:  
<https://cppe.zoom.us/webinar/register/9b3545073827796366858a512be5123a>
- September 26 2019, 1:00pm. Register in advance for this webinar:  
<https://cppe.zoom.us/webinar/register/e7ae0f492f2740ef8c34be5db4a05ad8>
- 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.

**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.

To subscribe:

1. Email [listserv@listserv.manchester.ac.uk](mailto:listserv@listserv.manchester.ac.uk) from the email address you want to subscribe from.
  2. Put the words 'Subscribe CPPE-PC-SUPERVISOR' in the body of the email. *Please note: if the email does not contain these words, the automated subscription will fail.*
  3. Wait for the confirmation email from CPPE to complete the process. This may take up to three days.
- 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](mailto:primarycare@cppe.ac.uk)

### **CPPE education pathways reference group**

We have combined the reference groups for CPGP and MOCH with the new primary care pathway reference group to oversee the educational programmes. This will include oversight of the syllabus and assessments; reporting learner, clinical supervisor, clinical mentor and partners experience; and internal quality assurance of educational activities.

The reference group will be an advisory group but does not have formal responsibility as an oversight group, and does not perform a contract assurance function, as this will be carried out separately between HEE and CPPE.

- The Overview and governance of the Primary care pharmacy education pathway, the Clinical pharmacist in general practice pathway and the medicines optimisation in care homes pathway.
- Two-way communication with organisations and their governance groups that members may represent
- Review of delivery and reports relating to quality of provision.
- Review of learners' experience.
- Recommendations and advice to CPPE and partners.

If you are interested in joining the reference group which will meet three times a year (once face to face in London and twice by webinar) we currently have vacancies on for the following

- PCN clinical director
- CCG representative
- GP pharmacist
- Pharmacists currently on the Clinical pharmacist in general practice pathway
- Pharmacist starting on the Primary care pharmacy education pathway

If you are interested or are able to suggest someone please email [sally.greensmith@cppe.ac.uk](mailto:sally.greensmith@cppe.ac.uk)