

Midlands Foundation Pharmacy Newsletter

February 2026



Welcome to the Second Edition

Welcome to the second edition of the Foundation Pharmacy Newsletter. This monthly update provides key programme information, important dates, and resources to support you in delivering high-quality training. Whilst this newsletter does not replace national or regional communications emailed to you, it aims to provide a concise summary of essential information for supervisors and employers.

Supervisor Guidance

Support Session Earlier this month, supervisors from community, hospital, GP practice, and academia joined our virtual Support Session to explore the Prescribing Learning Activities. Colleagues particularly valued reviewing examples of prescribing evidence, helping set clearer, more consistent expectations for trainees in this first year of new requirements. The discussion around what can reasonably be included in the 90-hour prescribing log was a key highlight:



“It was really helpful to get clarity on what’s sensible to include, we’ve all been doing things slightly differently.”

“Seeing examples of evidence really helped me understand the benchmark for trainee submissions.”

Attendees appreciated the supportive peer conversation and the reassurance that Prescribing Assessment Activities don’t need to be overly complex. EPDs, DSs, DPPs are warmly encouraged to join upcoming drop-ins. Please see the Events section below for further details.

Training ProPharmace is offering fully funded **Educational Supervisor** and **Designated Prescribing Practitioner** training programmes, supported by NHS England. **Places are limited, and the offer is only available until 31st March.** Learning courses include online modules plus a live workshop, covering key supervision skills such as facilitating learning, giving feedback, and monitoring trainee progress.

Learn more and register at: <https://www.propharmace.com/est/>

E-portfolio

The National e-portfolio drop-in sessions are open to all Supervisors and Foundation Trainee Pharmacists. These sessions are designed to offer quick, accessible support with any e-portfolio questions. Details of upcoming sessions, including joining links, are available on the Learning Hub. For ease, we have also included these in the Events section below.

Important: Ensure that a Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP) is in place for trainees completing the full GPhC learning outcomes and upload the relevant DPP details to the e-portfolio.

Employer Guidance

We support multiple cohorts of Foundation Training pharmacists throughout the year. When reviewing any information or requests, please ensure you are aware of the cohort to which it relates so that all actions can be completed accurately and within the required timeframes.

2025/2026 Cohort

Most training sites are engaging well with the NHS England Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme (FTPP) Assessment Strategy, and we appreciate the ongoing commitment to keeping trainees on track. As a reminder, please ensure your Training Plan, Assessment Strategy activities, and appropriate progress reviews are fully completed and uploaded to the e-portfolio within the required timescales. Keeping everything up to date helps us support trainees effectively and ensures a smooth progression to final sign off.

2026/2027 Cohort

Successful applicants should by now have been contacted, and pre-employment checks should be in progress.

For multi-sector programmes, partner site(s) should be informed of the recruitment outcome and their engagement confirmed, allowing them to prepare to host your Foundation Trainee Pharmacist later in the year.

2027/2028 Cohort

Registration for the 2027/2028 recruitment cycle opened on 8 January 2026 and closes midday 3 March 2026. Please visit [The National Recruitment Scheme website](#) for full details. If you have any questions in relation to registering your foundation pharmacist training programme onto Oriel then, join an upcoming drop-in session. Please see the Events section below for upcoming dates and registration links.

The [Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme: Multi-Sector Rotation Guide](#) provides practical advice on building partnerships with other employers. We encourage all employers to review this guide to prepare for the recruitment cycle.

Events

2025/2026 Cohort	Date	Link
E-portfolio Drop-in Session	19 Feb 2026, 12:30-13:00	Join the meeting now
E-portfolio Drop-in Session	24 Feb 2026, 20:00-20:30	Join the meeting now
E-portfolio Drop-in Session	04 March 2026, 12:30-13:00	Join the meeting now

Educator Drop-in Session	11 March 2026, 13:00-13:45	Register here
The 39-Week Review Session	09 April 2026, 13:00–14:00	Register here
Educator Drop-in Session	06 May 2026, 13:00-13:45	Register here
The Final Sign-Off Session	10 June 2026, 12:30–13:30	Register here
2027/2028 Cohort	Date	Link
Oriel Support Drop-in Session	18 Feb 2026, 12:00–13:00	Register here
Oriel Support Drop-in Session	26 Feb 2026, 12:00–13:00	Register here

Stay Connected

The [Educator Peer Support Network](#) is hosted via MS Teams by NHSE Midlands Pharmacy Team with the purpose of, enabling Foundation Trainee Pharmacist educators to support each other through discussion and sharing of good practice. To join this channel, please email england.wtepharmacy.mids@nhs.net.

[The Learning Hub](#) provides supervisors with easy access to guidance, resources, and training materials through a quick sign-up process (NHSmial is not required). All supervisors are encouraged to register.

The [DPP Futures page](#) is an excellent platform for sharing ideas and connecting with fellow DPPs. To access, please visit <https://future.nhs.uk> to log in or join for free.

Share Your News!

Do you have updates or success stories for our next newsletter?

We'd love to hear from you! If you'd like to submit content, please ensure:

- It relates to Foundation Pharmacy training in the Midlands region
- It's useful for supervisors or employers (e.g., best practices, events, new resources)
- It includes key details (what, when, where, who) and any relevant links

Email your news to england.wtepharmacy.mids@nhs.net by the end of the month.

Please note: submissions will be considered for inclusion based on relevance and space availability.

Contact Information

- **Foundation Training (Midlands) Queries:** england.wtepharmacy.mids@nhs.net
- **Recruitment Queries:** england.midlandsfoundationpharmacyrecruitment@nhs.net
- **E-portfolio Access Issues** (e.g., locked out): eportfolio@rpharms.com