



NHS Pre-reg Trainee Pharmacist Programme

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# Preparing for the future Pharmacy Workforce

Incorporating short placements of  
Pre-registration Trainee Pharmacists at  
GP Practices

# WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

Discuss strengths and weaknesses of current initiatives

Explore feasible models for embedding training of pre-reg trainee pharmacists in GP practices across the East of England

# PRE-REGISTRATION TRAINING FOR PHARMACISTS

A 12-month structured\* training programme in:

Hospital Pharmacies

Community Pharmacies

Split between these sectors and/or Industry

The training programme must be accredited by the General Pharmaceutical Council

Trainees have to be signed as competent in all the GPhC Performance Standards and pass the GPhC Registration Assessment

# PRE-REGISTRATION TRAINEE PHARMACISTS AT GP PRACTICES

## **Current short-scale pilots**

Community Pharmacy-based Pre-reg trainee spends 1 day a week (for 12-18 weeks) at a GP practice

## **Pre-reg Trainee spends:**

6 months in hospital pharmacy

6 months in Primary Care rotating between community pharmacy and GP practice

# RANGE OF PHARMACIST ACTIVITIES WITHIN GP PRACTICES

## Dealing with:

Repeat Prescriptions

Prescription/medication  
queries

Preparing Discharge  
Summaries

Signing of prescriptions

## Involvement in:

Clinics for patients with  
Long-Term Conditions

Clinical Medication Reviews

Spirometry

Care Home visits

Child Immunisations

Care Home visits

▶ Diabetic Foot checks

# LESSONS FROM CURRENT PILOTS

There is a lot pre-reg trainee pharmacists can do and learn within a GP practice under supervision by GP practice staff including Practice Pharmacists



**5 things I learned from my surgery placement**

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# PLEASE GIVE US YOUR THOUGHTS ON:

Are you in favour of hosting pre-reg trainee pharmacists within GP practices?

If yes how could training for these trainees be integrated into the primary care setting?

What are the challenges that you can see?

Funding model?

Tutoring/Mentoring arrangements ?

▶ What format of placement do you favour?

Single days over several weeks?

Block placement 2-3 weeks?