

Foundation Pharmacy Newsletter

January 2026



Welcome to the First Edition

Welcome to the first 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 Action Plans: Key Updates and Expectations

Autumn Starters - 13-week review (due from 19 January 2026):

Ensure your trainee's training plan is uploaded to the e-portfolio, evidence has been reviewed, and regular check-ins are taking place ahead of the 13-week review.

Summer Starters - 26-week review (due from 12 January 2026):

Plan ahead by setting aside time to review your trainee's evidence and gather feedback from other supervisors before the 26-week review.

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

The *Expectations and Contractual Requirements for Employers of Foundation Trainee Pharmacists* document has been shared with all foundation training employers in November 2025. Please review this guidance to ensure your programme aligns with the required standards and responsibilities.

2026/2027 Cohort

Thank you for taking part in the 2025 recruitment round. In December, you should have received an email confirming whether your programmes were filled, partially filled, or remain unfilled. Please contact successful applicants promptly to begin pre-employment checks.

For multi-sector programmes, notify your partner site(s) of the recruitment outcome and confirm their engagement so they can 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. Please visit [The National recruitment scheme website](#) for full details. We will also be delivering support sessions to help you complete the application process. Please see the event section below.

[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 upcoming recruitment cycle.

Events

Supervisor Support Sessions	Date	Link
Prescribing Assessment Activities	04 Feb 2026, 13:00–14:00	Register here

E-portfolio Support Sessions	Date	Link
E-portfolio Drop-in Session	21 Jan 2026, 12:30–13:00	Join the meeting now
E-portfolio Drop-in Session	29 Jan 2026, 20:00–20:30	Join the meeting now

Oriel Registration Support Sessions	Date	Link
Oriel Support Webinar	15 Jan 2026, 12:00–13:00	Register here
Oriel Support Drop-in Session	20 Jan 2026, 12:00–13:00	Register here
Oriel Support Drop-in Session	28 Jan 2026, 12:00–13:00	Register here
Oriel Support Drop-in Session	05 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> and follow the instructions below:

- Log in or Join for free
- On the 'Home' page, under 'Find workspaces', click search all.
- In the Search workspaces box, search for Midlands Pharmacy Leadership then, Request to Join
- When your request has been approved, scroll down to 'Foundation Year Training DPP Support workspace'

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