

Welcome to the CPPE North West newsletter.

We have a lot to share with you, so we have created this handy document with live links to help you to quickly find what you are looking for. We hope you find it useful.

If you have any questions or suggestions of what should be included in future newsletters please contact one of the regional tutors:

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### Online workshops

In line with government advice, CPPE has postponed all face-to-face events. We are now offering workshops online via the zoom platform. The online workshops offer the same range of activities, group discussion, small group learning & networking as the face-to-face workshops but in the comfort of your own space. Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians from any sector are welcome to attend. Places book very quickly, and more dates will be made available early in the new year.

Topics include:

- [COPD focal point](#)
- [Asthma focal point](#)
- [Deprescribing](#)
- [Mental capacity 2005 & covert administration of medicines](#)
- [Consultation skills](#)
- [Emergency contraception](#)
- [Supporting patients living with dementia](#)

The document attached contains more information about each workshop, current dates and booking links or you can visit the [CPPE website](#) and search each topic.

### E-learning

E-learning programmes are great for self-study. They are online interactive learning programmes, podcasts or e-lectures.

New programmes include:

### [Remote consultation skills](#)

This 2 hour 30 minute e-learning programme is for all pharmacy professionals undertaking virtual consultations. It has been developed to support you in applying your existing consultation skills when undertaking consultations via video and over the telephone.

### [Introduction to genomics in pharmacy](#)

This learning programme has been designed to introduce you to genomics and pharmacogenomics, and to highlight the opportunities they can bring to the provision of person-centred care in your area of practice. It will also allow you to explore the application of genomics and pharmacogenomics in the larger healthcare context.

### **Coming soon...**

*CPPE NHS Discharge Medicines Service: improving outcomes for patients transferring care e-learning*

## Optimise

If you work in a clinical setting you can complete our [CPPE Optimise programmes](#) with your colleagues. This learning format provides you with clinically focused learning from experts across the country to help you optimise your patients' treatment in different topic areas. Optimise is a great format for gatherings lasting 45-60 minutes. Topics include *Sepsis, Antimicrobial stewardship, Deprescribing* and *Depression*.

The newest Optimise topic is [Best-value biological medicines: Focus on the position of biosimilar medicines](#). This learning programme enables you to apply a person-centred approach when discussing the use of best-value biological medicines, including biosimilar medicines. It will help you to have confident conversations with patients and other healthcare professionals about these medicines.

## Covid-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented new challenges for the pharmacy profession. At this challenging time we want you to be able to find the resources that you need the most as quickly and easily as possible. The CPPE [COVID-19 learning and resource hub](#) draws together the resources that we think would be most useful for a range of situations; for example returning to pharmacy practice, upskilling to look after those who are critically unwell and also seeking support and resilience.

You can also go straight to the [COVID-19 gateway page](#) where we have collated a range of advanced learning and tools.

## Pharmacy Technicians

Would you like to upskill? CPPE has an [Accuracy Checking Pharmacy Technician Programme \(ACPT\)](#). This programme is fully funded for pharmacy technicians working in small chain and independent community pharmacies, health & justice sector and most NW hospitals. However, the programme is available to pharmacy technicians working in any sector, with employer support. The programme is expected to take 3-12 months to complete. Learning includes resources for self-directed study, e-learning and practice-based activities.

Contact [acpt@cppe.ac.uk](mailto:acpt@cppe.ac.uk) if you cannot find the answers to your question on the Accuracy checking pharmacy technician programme pages.

As a pharmacy technician you may also be interested in the e-learning [Professionalism and professional judgement for pharmacy technicians](#)

[Pharmacy technician gateway page](#) is also a great one stop shop for Pharmacy technician resources.

### Foundation year

CPPE is here to support pharmacy professionals throughout their career. If you are a Provisionally Registered Pharmacist working in a small chain or independent community pharmacy, primary care or the health and justice sector, don't miss out on the [Foundation Pharmacist Programme](#).

This programme builds on your knowledge and experience from your degree and pre-registration developing your skills further. Module 2 is a fantastic way to help you revise for the GPhC examination as most of the case based module includes high weighted topics.

The programme includes support from a CPPE education supervisor and assessments that will aid you to build up a portfolio of evidence for your future.

### Community pharmacy

Visit the CPPE [Pharmacy quality scheme](#) webpage to access the key resources which fully explain both the gateway requirements and the domains which include the quality criteria. At CPPE we offer learning and assessment to support you in achieving two of the criteria for Part 2, within the prevention and risk management domains.

[Equip yourself to deliver high-quality services](#). Our learning portfolio will support you in further developing your knowledge, skills and behaviours to provide high-quality pharmacy services which really make a difference to the health and wellbeing of the people using your services. You will find information on how to prepare to deliver services such as the [Community Pharmacy Hepatitis C Antibody Testing Service](#).

### Hospital

Find out about the variety of learning programmes available to support hospital pharmacy teams by downloading our brochure [Hospital pharmacy and medicines optimisation](#). To access other learning formats on clinical topics (eg, online or distance learning programmes) use our search facility at the top of the page or our A-Z tab to filter your options.

We have a number of [programmes to support prescribers](#). These include the [Return to prescribing](#) course for pharmacists who have qualified as prescribers but who haven't been able to prescribe in practice for some time.

The [Sepsis gateway page](#) offers access all kinds of learning materials related to Sepsis. We also provide links to advanced learning, external resources and further reading on each topic.

### Primary care

Pharmacists and technicians funded through the PCN additional role reimbursement scheme must apply, or follow the exemptions guidance for the [Primary care pharmacy education pathway](#). Contact [primarycare@cppe.ac.uk](mailto:primarycare@cppe.ac.uk) if you cannot find the answers to your question on the Primary care pharmacy education pathway pages.

If you work in primary care but are not eligible for the Primary care pharmacy education pathway visit the [Primary care, general practice and care homes](#) webpage to access information about the wide range of learning available in the CPPE portfolio, including the [Primary care essentials](#) e-course. A [factsheet](#) is also available.

To refresh your knowledge on a particular clinical topic take a look at our new directory of [Clinical factsheets](#).

Shared decision making and personalised care are core elements of the *NHS Long Term Plan*. Pharmacists are seen as being a key provider of personalised care within primary care. Applications are now open for the new [CPPE Shared decision making programme](#). All NHS pharmacists working in a patient-facing role in general practice and care homes for at least two days (15 hours) per week are eligible to apply. This programme is delivered online and consists of an e-course and two full day online workshops.

The learning on the NHS England funded Clinical Pharmacists in General Practice, Medicines Optimisation in Care Homes or Primary Care Pharmacy Education Pathways pathways will offer the skills and knowledge you need to provide Structured medication reviews under the specification of the Network DES. If you are not part of those pathways and would like to know more about the knowledge, skills and behaviours that you need to begin undertaking person-centred structured medication reviews, then watch out for the next [Structured medication review](#) e-course starting in the new year.