

**Information for pharmacists and those who will be supporting them if they wish to join the programme in October 2022.**

## **What is the Post Registration Foundation programme?**

The programme builds on the current Foundation Training Year (previously known as pre-registration training year). It is aimed at pharmacists who are newly qualified in patient-focussed roles to encourage them to develop the knowledge, skills abilities, values, and behaviours to confidently practice in any sector, at a generalist Post-Registration Foundation Level. The training includes an Independent Prescribing course delivered by one of the universities in Scotland. The NES Pharmacy programme has been designed to be in line with the new UK RPS Post-Registration Foundation curriculum.

## **Why should I join the programme?**

Pharmacy services are developing at a rapid pace to keep up with what the people of Scotland need. This means that the skills and confidence Pharmacists need to practice effectively are also changing. Use of the Independent Prescribing qualification will in time be the norm in the profession, and this programme provides a structured route to gaining this. Critically, it also provides a framework to build confidence and competence in all other aspects of your role beyond what is required for registration as a Pharmacist.

## **What does the programme involve?**

The programme involves learning in the format of experiential learning within the pharmacist's workplace. Pharmacists will undertake Supervised Learning Events (SLEs) and will have learning needs identified to enable support to be provided as required. The evidence developed from the achievement of learning outcomes in the workplace will form an online portfolio of evidence to demonstrate achievement of the UK curriculum. NES Pharmacy will deliver educational sessions and online resources to support the pharmacists when developing their portfolio. As part of the programme the pharmacist will also be supported by an Educational Supervisor and NES Senior Educator specific to their geographical area. [For more information, have a look at our website and listen to a recording by our Principal Lead for the training programme.](#)

## **How do I register and what do I do to prepare to start my training?**

If this programme sounds like it is for you, you first need to speak with your employer (or prospective employer from October 2022) to ensure they can support you with an Educational Supervisor from their organisation.

Once you have sought agreement, you can register for the programme by [completing this form](#). Registration is open from the **1<sup>st</sup> August 2022 until the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022**. There is limited funding from Community Pharmacy Scotland for those in community practice. Please note that the funding will be allocated on registration so please register early to avoid disappointment.

## **Are there sessions for my line manager to learn more about the programme?**

Community contractors interested in supporting a newly qualified pharmacist, to undertake the programme, are invited to attend one of our stakeholder sessions. These will be held on the **26th July 2022 from 1-2pm and 4th August 2022 7-8pm**. [Click here](#) to book onto a session.

**If you, your employer, or Educational Supervisor wish any further information please email [nes.pharmacistfp@nhs.scot](mailto:nes.pharmacistfp@nhs.scot) a member of the Post-Registration Foundation programme team will be happy to answer their questions or organise an online meeting to discuss any aspects of the and programme. You may wish to join one of the Q and A sessions**