

Information regarding the IFPP for provisionally registered pharmacists

Dear all,

I am sure that you will have seen the information regarding the IFPP for provisionally registered pharmacists. We wanted to share some more information to employers to answer some of your questions. Information can be found on the IFPP website. [HERE](#)

The following are some of the answers to some of the FAQ we have already received.

Benefits of the IFPP for employers include:

- Supporting provisionally registered pharmacists achieve full registration and develop proficiency against the RPS Foundation Pharmacist Framework for service delivery
- Access to the RPS E-portfolio for all provisionally registered pharmacists and Educational Supervisors for the duration of the 12-month programme
- Standardised learning outcomes and assessment requirements for all provisionally registered pharmacists
- Access to Educational Supervisor training
- Funding for educational support
- Feedback on programmes through IFPP quality assurance mechanisms (trainee survey)
- Provisionally registered pharmacists will have access to additional resources to assist in their development.

HEE funding covers the costs of the IFPP education infrastructure, including:

- Structured learning pathway to guide the development of provisionally registered pharmacists during the programme
- Supervision
- Access to online resources and associated online learning events
- The IFPP for independent or small multiple community pharmacy, provided by CPPE
- The new RPS e-Portfolio.

More details of how the funding will be released will be available shortly.

Registration

Provisionally registered pharmacists will be able to [register for the programme](#), which is now live until 10th January 2021. There is no fee or cost to pharmacists accessing the programme. Part of the enrolment process will require confirmation of employer support.

Educational Supervision

Provisionally registered pharmacists undertaking the IFPP will require educational support in the form of supervision to oversee the pharmacist over the course of the 12-month programme. For organisations where educational support already exists, this will continue, and HEE will provide access to educational supervisor training as needed.

The Centre for Postgraduate Pharmacy Education (CPPE) is opening applications for educational supervision, which will be open to provisional registrants working in independent or small multiple community pharmacies.

Further information about career development including Foundation Training is available on the CPPE website [here](#).

Programme Handbooks

Programme handbooks describing various elements of the IFPP pathway are in the process of being developed. There are separate handbooks for supervisors, and Foundation Pharmacists. These will be made available on our website and via our email updates in the coming weeks.

Resources

There will be an emphasis on asynchronous learning and using online resources within the programme to enable flexible delivery and access to content. Provisionally registered pharmacists will have access to the following resources free of access to develop their clinical knowledge and assist with registration assessment revision:

- OpenAthens account
- e-Learning for Healthcare
- SCRIPT modules (e-learning for prescribing and therapeutics)
- CPPE resources
- Access to an RPS foundation e-portfolio throughout the IFPP
- Access to the RPS [Interim Foundation Programme Curriculum](#)

Further information regarding how these resources and the e-portfolio can be accessed will be provided in the IFPP handbooks.

Exam support

A key aim of the IFPP is to support provisionally registered pharmacist in England transition to full GPhC registration. To enable this, the IFPP will provide guidance and resources to support exam preparation.

Postgraduate Diploma and other courses

The IFPP supports the development of provisionally registered (transitioning to registered) pharmacists. Any decisions about other training should be discussed with the employer. Regional pharmacy teams can provide further advice and direction.

What happens after the 12-month programme comes to an end?

A pharmacist who successfully completes the programme will receive a Health Education England statement of progression against the Interim Foundation Pharmacist Programme.

Updates

We appreciate there are lots of questions about this programme and as such the national team are sending weekly updates including answers to frequently asked questions. If you or colleagues wish to receive further updates about the programme, please email fpp@hee.nhs.uk, stating 'IFPP Updates' in the subject header.

On a regional level, Foundation Pharmacist Programme events will be held virtually in the coming weeks to enable employers the opportunity to discuss the IFPP. We will be in touch with the dates and times of these events shortly.

In the meantime if you have any further questions please contact a member of the SoPMO Foundation pharmacists team.

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