

CPTAP Launch Comms

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Subject: Funding Opportunity – Community Pharmacy Technician Apprenticeship Programme 2026 Open Monday 28 April to Monday 18 May 2026

Dear Colleague,

Please share details of this funding opportunity with your community pharmacy colleagues and networks. The deadline for funding applications is **Monday 18 May 2026 at midday**.

We are pleased to announce the launch of the Community Pharmacy Technician Apprenticeship Programme (CPTAP) 2026.

This programme supports Pre-registration Trainee Pharmacy Technicians (PTPTs) to be employed and complete a two-year apprenticeship training programme within a community pharmacy setting. On successful completion of training and registration with the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC), pharmacy technicians will be well placed to support service delivery and wider healthcare priorities within community pharmacy.

Funding Offer

We are offering a financial training contribution of **£15,505 per PTPT, per year for the two-year training period**. This contribution supports sites in developing an employer-led, work-based training programme that meets GPhC initial education and training (IET) [standards for pharmacy technicians](#) and the NHS England [Education Quality Framework](#) (accessed via the National School of Healthcare Science website).

Next Steps

Application of Funding (AoF) requests must be submitted via the [online application form](#). The application window will open on Monday 27 April 2026 until Monday 18 May 2026, at midday.

To apply for funding in the Midlands [click here](#)

National stakeholder engagement sessions will be held via MS Teams to provide further information on the programme, including the application process and how to access apprenticeship funding. Use the link below to attend your preferred date. You only need to attend one session.

Tuesday 21 April, 12pm to 12.30pm [Click here to register](#)

Thursday 23 April, 8pm to 8.30pm [Click here to register](#)

Regional stakeholder engagement sessions will also take place on the following dates and times. Use the link below to attend your preferred date. You only need to attend one session.

Monday 27 April, 3.00pm to 4.00pm [Click here to register](#)

Thursday 30 April, 1.00pm to 2.00pm [Click here to register](#)

Wednesday 13 May 11.00 to 12.00am [Click here to register](#)

Guidance to support completion of an application, along with further programme information, is available on our [website](#).

If you have any questions, please email england.wtepharmacy.mids@nhs.net with Community Pharmacy Technician Apprenticeship Programme 2026 in the subject field.

Kind regards

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