

Midlands Foundation Pharmacy Newsletter

May 2026



Welcome to the Fifth Edition

Welcome to the fifth 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 Guidance

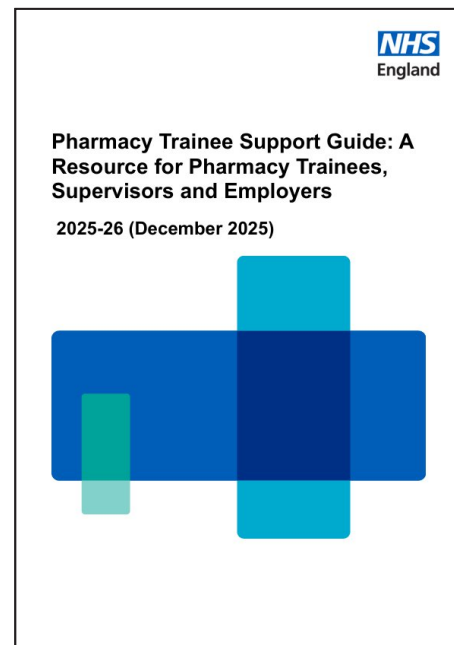
Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme (FTPP) DS Checklist

Trainee Support

It is recognised that trainees may sometimes encounter challenges during their training and that they may require additional support to successfully complete their training.

The [Trainee Support Guide](#) has been developed with stakeholders to support employers, educational programme directors, designated supervisors and trainees.

All trainees, supervisors and employers should familiarise themselves with this resource, so that they are aware of what can constitute a potential concern, and how to identify when support may be required. The guide also contains essential documents to support supervisors e.g. Trainee progress review record and Management Plan.



Supervisor Action Plan: Key Updates

Summer Starters - 39-week review (Should have been carried out between **13th April – 4th May 2026**- unless the trainee has a break in learning or you have contacted us to make us aware):

Ensure your trainee has a varied and sufficient amount of evidence uploaded to the e-portfolio and that this evidence has been reviewed, and regular check-ins are taking place ahead of the 39-week review.

Please note the final sign off can take place **from week 49**. Please ensure all mandatory programme requirements have been met. These requirements are summarised in the [End of Year Designated Supervisor Checklist](#), also available on [our website](#).

Autumn Starters - 26-week review (due from **20th April to 11th May 2026** unless the trainee has a break in learning or you have contacted us to make us aware):

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 you have completed all sections on the e-portfolio when completing your progress reviews. This will ensure the action is marked as completed

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.

2026/2027 Cohort

All successful applicants should have been contacted, and pre-employment checks should be completed and a contract of employment issued as per the terms of participation of Oriel.

Existing supervisors will have received a link on the 6th May 2026 to verify their details and submit details of new trainees, confirm start dates and sign declarations. Please ensure this is done before the deadline.

New supervisors will need to complete the supervisor registration form which can be found on our website but also accessible by clicking this following link: [Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme \(FTPP\) Form](#)

The deadline for supervisors to register for the summer trainee cohort is Monday 15th June 2026 at 12:00 (midday). If a supervisor misses this deadline their trainee(s) will be deferred to the autumn start date.

Please check junk folders: The email will come from NHS England- Pharmacy:
no-reply@app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk

For more information about the 2026 onboarding process for the 26/27 cohort please see the website: [Foundation trainee pharmacist programme onboarding processes | NHS England | Workforce, training and education](#)

2027/2028 Cohort

Registration for the 2027/2028 recruitment cycle closed on midday 3 March 2026. NHSE Midlands Pharmacy team have completed the data cleansing of all submitted programmes. These programmes will be advertised and available to view on Oriel and the national recruitment website from the 15th June 2026. Please visit [The National Recruitment Scheme website](#) for full details.

Important: If there are any issues or changes with your advertised programme please contact the Midlands Pharmacy Team as soon as possible so we can support you.

Events

Please look out for an upcoming email from our regional team outlining the full programme of events designed to prepare and support you for the 2026/27 cohort. By sharing the session links in advance, we hope to support your forward planning. These sessions are intended for all supervisors involved in foundation training, and each will clearly indicate whether it is most relevant for experienced supervisors, new supervisors, or both.

Please see below for the remaining sessions we have for the 25/26 cohort.

Foundation Programme	Date	Link
The Final Sign- Off session	10 June 12:30- 13:30	Register here
E-portfolio Drop-in Sessions	Date	Link
E-portfolio drop-in	06 May 2026 20:00 – 20:30	Join the meeting now
E-portfolio drop-In	14 May 2026 12:30- 13:00	Join the meeting now

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. Note that you must have an NHS email address to be able to join this network.

[The Learning Hub](#) provides supervisors with easy access to guidance, resources, and training materials through a quick sign-up process (NHSmail is not required). All supervisors are encouraged to register. Please note that you must login to access the information on the Hub.

[The DPP Futures page](#) is an excellent platform for sharing ideas and connecting with fellow DPPs. To access, please visit <https://future.nhs.uk> to log in or join for free.

Contact Information

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- **Recruitment Queries:** england.midlandsfoundationpharmacyrecruitment@nhs.net
- **E-portfolio Access Issues** (e.g., locked out): eportfolio@rpharms.com