

Midlands Foundation Pharmacy Newsletter

June 2026

Monthly update for supervisors and employers supporting the Foundation Trainee
Pharmacist Programme (FTPP) across the Midlands



Welcome

Welcome to the June edition of the Midlands Foundation Pharmacy Newsletter. This issue highlights key updates, important dates and practical resources for supervisors and employers supporting the Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme (FTPP) and is intended to complement national and regional communications rather than replace them.

Key Updates for Supervisors and Employers

For Supervisors

Key actions

- **Plan final sign-off:** Final sign-off 2025/2026 summer starters can take place from week 49 of the programme onwards.
- **Confirm completion:** Final sign-off can only take place once all mandatory requirements are complete. Use the [End of Year Checklist for Designated Supervisors](#) and the [website](#) to support this.
- **Check the e-portfolio:** The final sign-off form appears only once all mandatory components are complete.

Key dates and reminders

- **Prepare early:** Check that evidence has been uploaded, reviewed and discussed during regular check-ins, and make sure time is booked in work schedules and diaries.
- **Summer starters:** Final sign-off should take place between **22 June and 4 August 2026***.
- **Autumn starters:** The 39-week review should take place between **20 July and 10 August 2026***.
- **Important:** Complete every section of the e-portfolio progress review. If any section is incomplete, the review will not be marked as complete.

*Depending on the date when your trainee started their foundation training. Unless there has been a break in learning or you have already contacted the team.

For Employers

Key actions for 2026/2027 Cohort

- **Complete onboarding:** Contact successful applicants, complete pre-employment checks and issue contracts in line with Oriel requirements.
- **Register supervisors:** New supervisors should register on the website or through the [Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme \(FTPP\) Form](#).
- **Meet the deadline:** Supervisors for the summer trainee cohort must register by **Monday 15 June 2026 at 12 noon**. Otherwise, trainee start dates will move to autumn.
- **Check junk folders:** Messages may come from no-reply@app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk.
- **Read the guidance:** See the [2026 onboarding process information](#) for full details.

Key dates and reminders

- **Open and close dates:** Oriel application for trainee pharmacists open on **Monday 15 June 2026 at 12 noon** and close on **Friday 3 July 2026 at 10 am**. Full details are available on [The National Recruitment Scheme](#). Please check that your programme has been listed correctly.
- **Important:** If there are any issues with your advertised programme, please contact the Midlands Pharmacy Team as soon as possible via england.midlandsfoundationpharmacyrecruitment@nhs.net. Delays may impact recruitment timelines and support arrangements.

Important Dates

15 June 2026: Supervisor registration deadline for the summer cohort, 12 noon.

15 June 2026: Oriel applications open for the 2027–28 cohort, 12 noon.

3 July 2026: Oriel applications close, 10 am.

22 June to 4 August 2026: Summer starter final sign-off window.

Events

FTPP 2025–26	Date & Time	Registration link
The Final Sign-Off session	10 June 2026, 12:30–13:30	Register here

This session covers the final sign-off process for the 2025–26 cohort.

FTPP 2026–27	Date & Time	Registration link
Getting Started sessions	18 June 2026, 12:30–13:30	Register here
	18 June 2026, 19:00–20:00	
	30 June 2026, 12:30–13:30	
	30 June 2026, 19:00–20:00	

These June sessions are for supervisors supporting FTTP 2026–27. They cover the supervision role, key timelines and available guidance, and include time for questions. They are especially useful for new supervisors or as a refresher.

Useful Information

Early Career Pharmacist pilot: From Autumn 2026, NHS England will pilot a new education and training pathway for newly qualified Early Career Pharmacists (ECP). This initiative aims to create a more consistent, equitable and high-quality training offer for early career pharmacists across all sectors. For more information, see the [Newly Qualified Pharmacist Pathway](#) webpage.

Resources

SCRIPT

SCRIPT is an e-learning programme supporting safe prescribing, therapeutics, and medicines management, including training modules for Designated Prescribing Practitioners (DPPs). It is available via safeprescriber.org. Users will need to log in to access the materials.

Trainee Support

The [Trainee Support Guide](#) helps trainees, supervisors and employers recognise when additional support may be needed. It also includes practical tools to support reviews and planning.

Contact details

- **Foundation training (Midlands) queries:**
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- **e-portfolio access issues:** eportfolio@rpharms.com