

## South West Foundation Trainee Pharmacists – monthly update

August 2025

Welcome to the monthly update for trainee pharmacists and all those involved with supporting the foundation training year for trainee pharmacists in the South West

Congratulations to all the 2024/2025 trainees celebrating their GPhC assessment results and completion of their foundation trainee year. For anyone looking for guidance or support at this time [Pharmacist Support- Registration assessment: What to do when you receive your results](#) has useful information on several aspects. Please do reach out to the SW WT&E team as well if you have specific queries or concerns.

**Pharmacist Support ACT now!** The 2025 Student ACTNow wellbeing campaign is a year-long campaign encouraging pharmacy students and trainees to take action to prioritise their mental health and wellbeing throughout their academic and professional journey. Resources and information will be shared throughout the year, trainees and other pharmacy colleagues can sign up via the pharmacist support website. [Student ACTNow campaign: Empowering pharmacy students to prioritise mental health and wellbeing - Pharmacist Support](#)

**World breastfeeding week** (1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> August) [World Breastfeeding Week](#) is celebrated every year in the first week of August, championed by WHO, UNICEF, Ministries of Health and civil society partners around the globe.

**25/26 Trainee representatives:** Each year we look for trainees to act as trainee representatives for the cohort. The purpose of the role is to attend the NHS England regional Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme board meetings to share trainee insights regarding the training programme and experience. As well as to act as a contact point for feedback from fellow trainees and provide feedback to NHS England. Further details on the roles will be shared in due course.

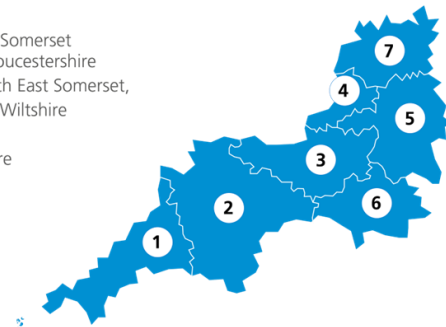
### Key dates & Events

**24/25 Trainees - Autumn sitters: Preparation for Assessment day:** The Autumn sitter preparation for assessment day is on September 24<sup>th</sup> at the Albemarle Centre, Taunton. Details will be shared in due course with those needing to attending.

**25/26 Trainee Induction:** Trainees will be invited to attend a compulsory induction session delivered online by the training course provider PWDS (Pharmacy Workforce Development South). Summer trainees will be allocated a session on one of the following dates: 27<sup>th</sup> August 2025, 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025 or 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025. (with an additional session for Autumn starters in November) Any queries please contact: [pwdsfoundationtraining@uhbw.nhs.uk](mailto:pwdsfoundationtraining@uhbw.nhs.uk)

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**E-portfolio for 25/26 trainees:** There are two e-portfolio websites for the 2025-26 foundation training year; one for trainees who are on the full GPhC learning outcomes and one for those on the GPhC interim learning outcomes. Trainees will automatically be provided with E-portfolio logins after their Designated Supervisor has received their login. Visit our [website](#) for further information about the E-portfolio including the website links to the portfolios for those following the interim and full GPhC learning outcomes.

If you experience any technical issues including questions regarding the multi-factor authentication or have any feedback on the E-portfolio platform, please contact our technical team. Email: [eportfolio@rpharms.com](mailto:eportfolio@rpharms.com)

### E-portfolio support: RPS webinars & drop in sessions

The RPS/NHS England e-portfolio induction webinar recordings, with separate sessions aimed at trainees, DS and DPPs, can be found [here](#).

The [drop-in sessions](#) are open to all Supervisors (DS/DPP) and Foundation Trainee Pharmacists in any region in England. There is no need to register to attend the session. These are purely question & answer sessions. Please note, if you have a sensitive/confidential question, please email the team directly on [england.wtepharmacy.sw@nhs.net](mailto:england.wtepharmacy.sw@nhs.net)

### Training course

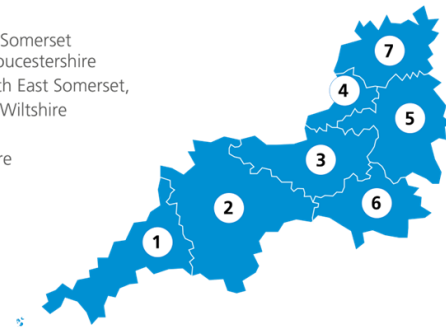
As you may be aware, following a procurement process by NHS England, the training course offer for 2025/26 trainees will be provided by PWDS ( [PWDS – Pharmacy Workforce Development South](#)) It is compulsory for all foundation trainee pharmacists, regardless of sector, entering the programme in 2025 to attend the mandatory core training. The training course content will include professionalism, developing as a culturally competent practitioner, clinical reasoning and decision making, leadership development, first aid and developing as a prescriber. Further details about the NHSE requirements for the [training course can be found on the NHSE website](#) and from PWDS in due course. Queries to [pwdsfoundationtraining@uhbw.nhs.uk](mailto:pwdsfoundationtraining@uhbw.nhs.uk)

### Resources for Designated Supervisors and Designated Prescribing Practitioners

- PJ article series on the roles:
  - [How to be an effective designated prescribing practitioner](#)
  - [How to optimise the 90 hours of dedicated prescribing practice during the foundation training year](#)
  - [Selecting an appropriate model of supervision foundation trainees](#)
- [NHS Learning Hub](#): A range of resources are available on the NHS Learning Hub to support your trainee's learning and development throughout their foundation training. Supervisors can also register to access these resources.

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