

Re: Supporting Community Pharmacist Independent Prescribing

Hello,

My name is [insert name] and I am a community pharmacist based at [insert pharmacy]. I am hoping to do my prescribing qualification from [month], but this is dependent on identifying a suitable person to act as my Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP). As a [practice manager/pharmacist] within the local PCN you might be able to help. Do you have a GP, pharmacist or other experienced independent prescriber that might have capacity to act as DPP?

I have attached some guides that give further information on what that involves.

Importantly;

- Being a DPP can enhance professional development.
- Opportunity for a community pharmacist to showcase potential benefits to your practice from their qualification as an IP.
- Only half the hours should be with a DPP, the remainder can be with other health professionals.
- Expand the professional relationships, network and knowledge that support independent prescribing in primary care.
- There is funding available via the ARRs scheme to support this supervision activity.

Prescribing is being integrated into the MPharm, so from 2026, all pharmacists will graduate as prescribers. By supervising an experienced pharmacist for their prescribing course, you will be supporting this workforce transformation.

I would very much welcome the opportunity to discuss this further and answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your time and consideration,