

South West Foundation Trainee Pharmacists – monthly update

April 2026

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

Anticholinergic burden and the Medichec ACB Calculator Masterclass (7 May 2026, 12pm - 1:30pm): Dr Delia Bishara, Consultant Pharmacist - Mental Health of Older Adults and Dementia – will share how the Medichec tool was created and how to use it to support better patient care. This masterclass will also include a Q&A session. [Link to register](#).

Optimising medication and minimising waste conference in Frome on (May 6th): The session is being run with the RCGP and their vice chair Dr Munro Stewart will be opening the conference. Delegates will be able learn about how we saved 280k in 12 months on our order what you need campaign, together with a range of deprescribing projects, work with care homes. 4 fully funded Bursary places to pre reg pharmacy students (including lunch, excluding travel). Applications by Friday 10th April to Karen.Creffield@nhs.net Please include a short paragraph as to why you would like to attend the conference. [More information](#)

GPhC Common Registration Assessment: The General Pharmaceutical Council have published information about the Common Registration Assessment for this year. Information was sent to trainees by the GPhC on the 22nd January 2026. Eligibility for sitting the assessment is no longer linked to the 39-week progress review, and it is now the responsibility of the trainee to confirm they are 'ready to apply' [via myGPhC](#). Trainees eligible for the summer assessment must apply by 5:00 pm on Tuesday 14 April 2026.

Neurodiversity and its relationship to learning: the session from March is now available on Futures [Slides](#) and [recording](#). The session aims to introduce neurodiversity, discuss neuro-inclusion in terms of learning environment, suggest tips for neurodivergent learners and suggest tips for supervisors

Useful resources: on the Learning Hub the scope of practice documents are now available for both secondary care and general practice.

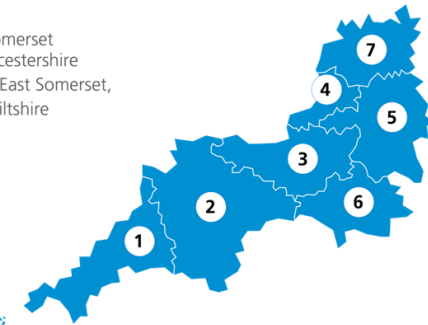
- [Scope of Practice for Newly Qualified Pharmacist Prescribers in General Practice – Recommendations and Principles](#)
- [Scope of Practice for Newly Qualified Pharmacist Prescribers in Secondary Care – Recommendations and Principles](#)

Key dates & Events

Foundation trainee pharmacists monthly update (for supervisors and trainees)	05/05/2026	08:00	join the meeting
Foundation trainee pharmacists monthly update (for supervisors and trainees)	06/05/2026	18:30	join the meeting
Foundation trainee pharmacists monthly update (for supervisors and trainees)	07/05/2026	12:30	join the meeting

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A reminder of key elements of the e-portfolio for the foundation trainee pharmacist programme 25/26, completion of these is essential in order to undertake the final sign off process at the end of the foundation trainee programme

Timeline	Task	Further information
As soon as possible	Upload learning needs analysis (LNA) to e-portfolio: Trainee to complete and discuss with DS(s) then upload.	Quick guide to Learning Needs Analysis
	Upload training plan to e-portfolio by DS(s) and/or DPP.	Quick Guide to Uploading Training Plans onto e-portfolio
	Complete learning agreement: Trainee and DS(s)	See e-portfolio
Week 13	Complete 3 or 5 observed clinical activities: By week 13, trainees should have completed at least 3 observed clinical assessment activities (interim learning outcomes) or at least 5 observed clinical assessment activities (full learning outcomes)	Useful Documents & Links - South West Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme - Futures
Week 13	Week 13 progress review: Trainee and DS(s) to discuss and complete progress report. Note, this is a 3 step upload process please follow the steps in the quick guide in the link.	Quick Guide to Week 13 Progress Report
Week 26	Complete 6 or 10 observed clinical activities: By week 26, trainees should have completed at least 6 observed clinical assessment activities (interim learning outcomes) or at least 10 observed clinical assessment activities (full learning outcomes)	Useful Documents & Links - South West Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme - Futures
Week 26	Week 26 progress review. Trainee and DS(s) to discuss and complete progress report. Note, this is a 3 step upload process please follow the steps in the quick guide in the link.	Use Quick Guide to Week 13 Progress Report as a reference

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