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### Headlines from the Week

**NHS England**

- New development opportunity for community pharmacists
- Hepatitis C service specification published
- Your COVID Recovery – helping patients to understand what to expect as part of their recovery

**NHS England South West Regional Team**

- None

**PSNC Bulletin**

- **Flu vac: service spec published and new flexibilities agreed**
- **Guidance on Flu Vaccination Advanced Service**
  - Record Keeping and data requirements
  - Vaccinating outside the consultation room & off-site
  - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- Extension of Emergency regulations
- Jext® reimbursement due to recent price changes
- August 2020 Price Concessions – Final Update
- Advanced Services: changes to consent and other rules
- CPCS training now available for community pharmacists

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### Seasonal Flu Update

The **Community Pharmacy Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Advanced Service** is available to access on the NHS England website now. Conversations are ongoing in relation to the fee that is attached to administration of the vaccine and will be published in the Drug Tariff determination by DHSC as soon as it is agreed, and discussions concluded.

### 2020-21 Flu Programme Webinar

On Wednesday 2 September 2020, we held a live webinar for Community Pharmacies to discuss the 2020-21 Seasonal Flu programme and answer any initial questions about the service specification. Attached are the slides and the questions and answers from the event for your information. We will be sharing a link to the recording of the event next week.
The following videos have been made by a local Pharmacist and GP Practice and provide examples of some delivery models for giving flu vaccinations and the use of PPE in a COVID environment. Although these delivery models may not suit all environments, we felt that it would be helpful to share:

- **Pharmacy Setting**
- **GP Practice Setting**

**Communications for 50-64-year olds**

There are a lot of queries regarding vaccinating 50 to 64-year olds. Here is a script that can be used when speaking to someone who is in that cohort and requesting a vaccine:

'Whilst we’ve received information that all 50-64-year olds may be eligible for a free flu vaccination as part of plans to protect more people against seasonal flu, these free vaccinations will be subject to delivery later in the year.

This allows us (GP’s and community pharmacists) to focus on those who are in an at-risk group, such as pregnant women and people with long term health conditions. They will be given priority and offered the vaccine first; if you are in this category you will be contacted.

If you are aged 50-64 and not in one of the at-risk categories, you will be made aware in the coming months if you will be able to attend for vaccination. If the programme is extended this is likely to be November or December.

Of course, if you wish to access a vaccine prior to this date you can pay to have this at your local pharmacy as in previous years, otherwise please wait for more information.'

**PPE Portal – Adjusted Order Limits for Emergency Supply of PPE**

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) have adjusted the order limits for emergency supply of PPE. These increased order limits are based on size and type of provider and will enable medium and larger Community Pharmacies to access supplies in line with the predicted increase in activity as a result of the Flu programmes. The order limits are set out below, further information is available on the [DHSC PPE Portal guidance page](#) and the Portal customer service team can be reached on 0800 876 6802 for enquiries or registration support.

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In early August, DHSC emailed community pharmacies inviting you to register with the PPE Portal. Can you please ensure that you have registered on the [PPE Portal](#). If you have any queries or have not received an email invite, please contact the PPE Portal customer services at 0800 876 6802.
National Covid Clinical Assessment Service to allow GPs to Prescribe for Patients

In March 2020, the NHS England Integrated Urgent Care COVID-19 cell established the COVID-19 Clinical Assessment Service (CCAS) as a direct response to COVID-19 to relieve pressure on NHS 111 and other health providers. The service is hosted by South Central Ambulance Service and is assessing callers from all over England with COVID-19 symptoms presenting through NHS111 telephony or the 111 Online service through a ‘queue and call back process’.

From the 1 September 2020 the CCAS is adding the functionality for GPs within the service to prescribe, using the electronic prescription service (EPS). This is intended to improve the patient journey and allow GPs to complete an episode of care without the need for onward referral to a prescriber for prescriptions. The scope of prescribing will be for acute prescriptions only and may include controlled drug medicines where clinically appropriate in the context of supporting people who are self-isolating with Covid-19 symptoms.

Pharmacy contractors should be aware that EPS prescriptions coming from the CCAS are not restricted to patients in the South East Region as the service manages patient enquiries from all over England. Pharmacists and dispensers will be able to use the contact details on the EPS token to telephone the service to contact the prescriber in the event of a query.

If contract teams have any questions or queries from contractors following the distribution of this message please they send them to england.pharmacysouthwest@nhs.net.

Government Consultation on Expanded Role in Vaccinations for Pharmacy Professionals
(taken from the COVID-19: Primary Care Bulletin – 4 September 2020 (Issue 65))

The government has published a proposal to expand the scope of Patient Group Directions (PGD) to allow pharmacists to administer unlicensed vaccines, including any COVID-19 vaccine. The consultation on changes to the human medicine regulations, which was published on 28 August 2020, also includes a proposal that pharmacy technicians could become eligible to safely administer a COVID-19 or influenza vaccine. The consultation closes on 18 September 2020.

Interim Foundation Pharmacist Programme (IFPP) Update

The programme has had over 500 registrations to date, the attached documents provide links to the dedicated IFPP web page, FAQs and information for employers

Risk of Ten-Fold Overdose with Alfentanil

The NHS England and NHS Improvement lead Controlled Drugs Accountable Officers have been advised recently of two administration errors where a 10 times overdose of alfentanil has been administered to patients resulting in severe harm and/or death. On further review there have been 38 patient related errors reported between June 2018 and June 2020 involving alfentanil.

Alfentanil is available in several presentations, but most notably as both alfentanil 500micrograms/1ml solution for injection ampoules and alfentanil 5mg/1ml solution for injection ampoules. To reduce the risk of administration errors prescribers are reminded to remain vigilant when choosing the strength of alfentanil injections.
Extension of two fluoxetine Serious Shortage Protocol

Due to ongoing supply issues, the Serious Shortage Protocol for fluoxetine 40mg capsules which was introduced on 20 May 2020 is being varied to extend the end date, which was previously 4 September 2020. The end date for this SSP is now Friday 25 September 2020.

In addition, the Serious Shortage Protocol for fluoxetine 10mg tablets which was introduced on 12 March 2020 is also being varied to extend the end date, which was previously 11 September 2020. The end date for this SSP is now 31 March 2021.

If you have any questions regarding the SSPs please contact the NHS Prescription Service:

Email: nhsbsa.prescriptionservices@nhsbsa.nhs.uk
Telephone: 0300 330 1349
Textphone: 18001 0300 330 1349

To access the latest information about SSPs (including supporting guidance), please visit the NHS BSA website

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**Websites**

Please see our websites for more information and any blank templates, forms and documents:

- Cornwall & Isles of Scilly, Devon, Bristol, Dorset, North Somerset, Somerset and South Gloucestershire
- BaNES, Gloucestershire, Swindon or Wiltshire
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<td>Vaccinations under this advanced service will usually be carried out on the pharmacy premises, but they can also be undertaken in other suitable locations, such as in the patient’s home, a long-stay care home, a long-stay residential facility or community venues (e.g. community centres). Previous restrictions on off-site vaccination (only in patient’s home and care homes) have been removed and contractors are now able to vaccinate off-site within professional standards (this includes being able to vaccinate care home staff within the care home). Where vaccinations are undertaken off the pharmacy premises, the pharmacy contractor must: ensure that vaccinators have professional indemnity that covers off-site vaccinations; continue to adhere to all professional standards relating to vaccinations; follow appropriate cold-chain storage measures; ensure that the setting used to administer the vaccinations is appropriate (including ensuring patient confidentiality as appropriate); appropriately dispose of any clinical waste or personal protective equipment used during the vaccination process. Additionally, where vaccinations are undertaken in the patient’s own home (including a care home), contractors must ensure that vaccinators have a valid DBS certificate.</td>
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<td>2. In previous years we have had to notify NHS England if we provide off site vaccinations - do we have to do this again this year?</td>
<td>The requirement to notify regional NHS England teams prior to undertaking vaccinations off-site has been removed.</td>
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<td>3. We have heard that Key workers are included this year i.e. Staff in Care Homes, etc is this correct?</td>
<td>Eligible groups include Health and Social Care workers, those who are directly involved in the care of vulnerable patients/clients who are at increased risk from exposure to influenza. Vulnerable means those patients/clients in a clinical risk group for flu or who are aged 65 years and over.</td>
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<td>4. Do we have to sign up this year to provide the service?</td>
<td>No, you do not need to sign-up to provide the service.</td>
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<td>The pharmacy contractor must ensure that individuals providing the service are competent to do so. Registered pharmacy professionals should demonstrate to the pharmacy contractor that they have the necessary knowledge and skills to provide the service by completing the vaccination services Declaration of Competence (DoC)8. The pharmacy contractor must keep on the pharmacy premises copies of each DoC completed by any registered pharmacy professionals that they employ/engage to deliver the service. The Declaration of Competence is available on the CPPE website: <a href="https://www.cppe.ac.uk/doc">https://www.cppe.ac.uk/doc</a></td>
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Seasonal Flu Briefing
02 September 2020
Joanne Gray – SW Senior Commissioning Manager
Elizabeth Luckett – SW Screening & Immunisation Manager

NHS England and NHS Improvement
Introduction

- Additional emphasis on a ‘strong’ seasonal flu programme this year
- All of the usual cohorts **but** increased uptake ambitions,
  plus
  - additional cohorts confirmed,
  plus
  - **POSSIBILITY** of an extended cohort of 50-64 year olds subject to vaccine availability

- Additional challenges associated with social distancing and IPC requirements, people that may be shielding, uncertainty around impact of local outbreaks and potential lockdown scenarios, focus on vulnerable care home residents and their staff etc…
- Associated demands from seasonal pressures on primary and secondary care

AND

- Potential for a covid-19 mass vaccination programme running in parallel with seasonal flu programme
Second Flu Letter

The second part of the flu letter has now been published and you can find here:

In summary, further information has been given on the additional cohorts to include:
• household contacts of those on the NHS Shielded Patient List
• children of school Year 7 age in secondary schools (those aged 11 on 31 August 2020) - being delivered by the School Aged Immunisation Providers (technically a continued roll out of the programme rather than extension)
• health and social care workers employed through Direct Payment (personal budgets) and/or Personal Health Budgets, such as Personal Assistants, to deliver domiciliary care to patients and service users

Further extension to the programme will be considered for November and December to include 50-64 year old age group subject to vaccine supply. This extension may be phased once those in at risk group (& children) have been prioritised first. Providers will be given notice in order to have services in place for any additional cohorts later in the season.

Hospital Trusts have been asked to offer vaccinations to pregnant women attending maternity appointments and to those clinically at risk eligible patients attending in- and out-patient appointments. Further information is expected on this.

The uptake ambitions across all eligible groups for 2020/21 is 75%.
For frontline health and social workers the ambition is 100% OFFER
Delivery Models

• Expectation that core programme (not including possible 50-64 cohort) outlined in 2\textsuperscript{nd} flu letter will be delivered through established routes by GP practices / pharmacies working collaboratively together

• Additional immunisers and administrators may be required and additional clinical capacity may be needed to achieve the ambition

• Additional 50 – 64 cohort, if announced nationally, could be delivered via traditional GP & pharmacy routes, supplemented by additional workforce and clinic capacity – novel delivery models will need to be planned (fixed, pop up, mobile) in systems.

• Systems should begin to identify local mass vaccination venues and potentially additional vaccinator workforce that could be commissioned to deliver the extended flu programme or potentially support delivery for the core cohorts.

• Extended offer through secondary care provider specification to include pregnant women and other at risk patients presenting in secondary care environments (most are offering maternity)

• Expectation of 100% frontline health and social care worker offer

• Advanced pharmacy service will enable vaccination of care home residents and staff

• **Supporting materials for GP practices and pharmacies available in the form of short films to support set up for flu delivery**
Workforce and IPC

• Modelling data indicates that vaccinator and supporting ancillary workforce resources will be challenging

• Delivery off site – Vaccinations under this advanced service will usually be carried out on the pharmacy premises, but they can also be undertaken in other suitable locations, such as in the patient’s home, a long-stay care home, a long-stay residential facility or community venues (e.g. community centres).

“Where vaccinations are undertaken off the pharmacy premises, the pharmacy contractor must: ensure that vaccinators have professional indemnity that covers off-site vaccinations; continue to adhere to all professional standards relating to vaccinations; follow appropriate cold-chain storage measures; ensure that the setting used to administer the vaccinations is appropriate (including ensuring patient confidentiality as appropriate); appropriately dispose of any clinical waste or personal protective equipment used during the vaccination process. Additionally, where vaccinations are undertaken in the patient’s own home (including a care home), contractors must ensure that vaccinators have a valid DBS certificate”

Workforce and IPC

• PPE guidance –
  • Providers will be expected to deliver the programme according to guidelines on social distancing that are current at the time.

Page 14 states:

"In some clinical outpatient settings, such as vaccination/injection clinics, where contact with individuals is minimal, the need for single use PPE items for each encounter, for example, gloves and aprons is not necessary. Gloves and aprons are recommended when there is (anticipated) exposure to blood/body fluids or non-intact skin. Staff administering vaccinations/injections must apply hand hygiene between patients and wear a sessional facemask."

Workforce and IPC continued

- Standard operating procedures in the context of COVID-19 have been issued for General Practice, community pharmacy, and community health services:
- PPE supply route to be confirmed but expect to be via PPE portal (phased sign up underway)
Vaccine supply

- First delivery of vaccines for child flu programme expected from 2nd September
- No current indications of any supply issues for other vaccines
- Nationally procured additional vaccine stock to meet higher uptake and additional cohorts
  - Draw down process to be confirmed
- Secondary care vaccinations
  - Maternity flu imms delivery in place for majority of providers
  - Current discussions are underway for at risk
  - To be noted - vaccine source
- MHRA regulations on vaccine movements to be confirmed but anticipate current relaxations to enable PCN delivery models
- Cold Chain must be maintained and adverse reactions reported via normal routes
Data

- Essential that all vaccinations are added to the patient record in a timely and accurate manner using correct codes (SNOWMED)
  - Gives accurate uptake position
  - Enables accurate payments to be made
  - Reduces likelihood of multiple vaccinations being administered
- Coding for new cohorts – to be confirmed
- Important to note LD/BAME (as per second flu letter)
- Call / recall – enhancements to a robust call/recall invitation
  - National Call and Recall system being developed. This is in support of existing call and recall arrangements within GP practices and IS NOT a replacement for local processes
  - 2 and 3 year old letter via CHIS
Questions
Interim Foundation Pharmacist Programme (IFPP) Update #5
w/c 31st August 2020

Thank you for your interest in the new Interim Foundation Pharmacist Programme (IFPP). This is the fifth of our weekly updates from the programme team. Please keep sending your questions to the team at fpp@hee.nhs.uk.

If you and your colleagues wish to receive further updates about the programme, please email fpp@hee.nhs.uk, stating ‘IFPP Updates’ in the subject header.

News update

➢ Register for IFPP now! With over 500 registrations to date, click here to find out more and sign upon our dedicated IFPP web page. You will find further information including a flowchart outlining the eligibility criteria and process, and the registration form. If you know someone who is interested in registering, please encourage them to sign up to the weekly updates.
➢ Please bookmark the IFPP web page for easy reference we are updating your FAQs regularly.
➢ Further information for employers has been added to our website here.

Your questions answered

I have registered for IFPP. When will I receive further information and access to the programme?
If you have already registered, you will receive an email this week welcoming you to the programme. You will be sent more information after this, and programme resources will be made available during September 2020.

I am re-sitting my pre-reg exam. Am I eligible for the IFPP?
You are not eligible for the programme, but you can still access our range of online resources. Those awaiting to sit the GPhC registration exam (including resits) who have completed 52 weeks of pre-registration training, will be eligible to access the resources within the IFPP and are encouraged to sign up. Please see eligibility flow diagram.

Can I join IFPP if I am not employed in a workplace?
Yes. You do not have to be employed as a provisionally registered pharmacist to register with the IFPP and access these resources.
What funding is available and how is this accessed?

There is no fee or cost for provisionally registered pharmacists during the registration process or to access the programme. Additionally, employers do not need to take any further steps to access this funding, as the free resources will automatically be made available to provisionally registered pharmacists after they sign up for IFPP.

HEE funding covers the costs of the IFPP education infrastructure, including:

- structured learning pathway to guide your development during the programme
- education supervision
- access to online resources and associated online learning events
- IFPP for independent or small multiple community pharmacy, provided by CPPE.
- New RPS e-Portfolio.

For employers, funding will be made available for organisations to support with resources that will assist in local delivery, and support development of local infrastructure.

Can you tell me more about the IFPP for provisionally registered pharmacists who work in community pharmacy?

Health Education England have arranged for the Centre for Postgraduate Pharmacy Education (CPPE) to support delivery of the IFPP for provisionally registered pharmacists who work in community pharmacy (where formal programmes do not exist). Some employers, such as Boots, have internal programmes which will take priority over the CPPE programme. Provisionally registered pharmacists who have access to internal programmes should use those rather than the CPPE programme.

Can provisionally registered pharmacists who do not work in community pharmacy access IFPP and how does this work with established foundation training programmes?

All provisionally registered pharmacists are eligible and can sign up to access IFPP. Registering with the IFPP will give you access to a library of resources, including OpenAthens, e-Learning for Healthcare, SCRIPT (e-learning for prescribing and therapeutics) and CPPE resources. These resources will help provisionally registered pharmacists maintain and develop their clinical knowledge and assist with registration assessment revision.

Some employers already have established foundation training programmes. These range from formal programmes provided by large multiples (community pharmacies), or informal (rotational) programmes across other sectors including secondary and primary care. The IFPP is intended to complement current workplace programmes.
The IFPP will not mandate any time out of practice for training. Your employer may provide you with access to other learning opportunities and courses (eg in-house training or external courses) to meet your individual learning needs for the IFPP.

**What are the minimum assessment requirements of the IFPP?**

The IFPP will support provisionally registered pharmacists to develop the knowledge, skills and attributes mapped against the Interim Foundation Pharmacist Programme (IFPP) learning outcomes.

The IFPP uses a series of activities and Supervised Learning Events to support the Foundation Pharmacist to demonstrate the outcomes of the Interim Foundation Curriculum. Further information on the Interim Foundation Pharmacist Curriculum and the minimum assessment requirements can be found within the IFPP Handbook – due for release soon.

Successful completion of IFPP will be demonstrated through the achievement of a certificate of completion.

**What is the expected employer input for reviewing the portfolio and how long is this expected to take?**

Each Provisionally Registered Pharmacist will require an Educational Supervisor to support and guide them through their developmental journey within the IFPP. The Educational Supervisor will be expected to support the provisional registrant develop a Personal Development Plan and assist them through reviewing the evidence submitted. The time it will take to review the evidence within the portfolio will be dependent on the number of actions within an individual provisional registrant’s PDP and the number of activities required to achieve it.

There are minimum assessment requirements for the programme, which can be found within the IFPP Handbook – due for release soon.

**How does the IFPP work with existing programmes and what are its implications for employers? Where does the CPPE programme fit?**

The IFPP has been designed to complement existing programmes, as represented in the diagram below. For employers there are many benefits (see question above) to integrate IFPP into existing programme as the resources available will assist in local delivery and support development of local infrastructure. Funding will be made available for organisations to support this.
The CPPE Foundation pharmacist programme has been commissioned to support organisations which do not have the infrastructure to support provisionally registered pharmacists undertake the workplace element (as represented above).

The CPPE programme has been developed specifically for community pharmacy and for provisional pharmacists working in independent and small chain pharmacies. If you are applying for the CPPE programme and are not working in these settings, please seek guidance from your local HEE pharmacy team:

- London and South East (LaSE) – Lasepharmacy@hee.nhs.uk
- Midlands and East – Pharmacy.me@hee.nhs.uk
- North – Medicinesoptimisationnorth@hee.nhs.uk
- South – Pharmacy.south@hee.nhs.uk
We hope that you will join the IFPP and benefit from the support provided for your foundation practice.

Please refer to our dedicated [IFPP web page](http://www.hee.nhs.uk) for more information and to sign up.

Follow [@NHS_HealthEdEng](https://twitter.com/NHS_HealthEdEng) #IFPP

If you and your colleagues wish to receive further updates about the programme, please email fpp@hee.nhs.uk, stating ‘IFPP Updates’ in the subject header.
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Interim Pharmacist Foundation Programme (IFPP)

- 12-month funded programme, open to all provisionally registered pharmacists in England starting on 1st September 2020

- The aims of the IFPP are:
  - To support provisionally registered pharmacists transition to full GPhC registration and beyond
  - To develop pharmacists’ ability to achieve high-quality outcomes for patients and improve patient safety
  - To inform the next stage of pharmacist education and reform

- Designed to be a trainee-led vocational programme

- Learning is predominantly based in the workplace with learning experiences that arise from personal experiences in day to day practice.

- In secondary care, the IFPP aims to complement existing FP programmes
Benefits for employers

• Supporting provisionally registered pharmacists to:
  - achieve full registration
  - develop proficiency against the RPS Foundation Pharmacist Framework for service delivery
• Access to the RPS E-portfolio for Foundation Pharmacists and Education Supervisors (irrespective of RPS registration status)
• Standardised learning outcomes and assessment requirements
• Access to Educational Supervisor training
• Funding for educational support
• Feedback on programmes through IFPP quality assurance mechanisms (trainee survey)
• Provisionally registered pharmacists will have access to additional resources to assist in their development – including foundation events and exam guidance and support.
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Eligibility and process:

- **Are you a provisionally registered pharmacist living and working in England?**
  - No
  - Yes

  **Register with the IFPP**

- **Are you in employment?**
  - Yes
  - No

  **If you are currently not employed:**
  - You can access the new RPS E-portfolio to document your learning. **Register with the RPS.**
  - You will be able to access IFPP online resources and associated online learning events.*

  **You get a provisional pharmacist role:**
  - Complete an IFPP Registration Update Form**

  **Register with the relevant work-based programme (detailed in the IFPP Registration Form)**

  **Undertake a learning needs analysis**
  - Meet with your identified educational supervisor / tutor

  **Start documenting your learning in the RPS E-portfolio and work towards the IFPP learning outcomes**

  **A provisionally registered pharmacist living and working outside England**
  - Please refer to **NHS Education for Scotland (NES)** or **Health Education and Improvement Wales (HEIW)**

  **A pre-registration pharmacist (2019/2020) still in in training**
  - Continue with your pre-registration training.
  - Once you have gained provisional registration you can join the IFPP

  **A pre-registration pharmacist**
  - (2019/2020) who has completed the programme but has not joined the provisional register
  - **Please register with the IFPP**
    - You can access the new RPS E-portfolio to document your learning. You will also be able to access IFPP online resources and associated online learning events.*

  **A pre-registration pharmacist who has completed their training in 2019 or before, and is working towards passing the GPhC registration assessment**

  **Check here for more information on the HEE website**

Registration opens on 17th August 2020 and closes 10th January 2021.
Those that leave employment or fail the pre-registration assessment can continue to access IFPP online resources and associated online learning events.*
However, workplace support will stop.

*Coming soon
Programme and process

• Educational Supervision is required for the programme. Where this exists this should continue, HEE will provide access to training.

• Programme Handbooks will be available for provisionally registered pharmacists and educational supervisors.

• Resources will be available for provisionally registered pharmacists. Central resources will be hosted on HEE Training Hub (in development)
  ➢ OpenAthens account
  ➢ e-Learning for Healthcare
  ➢ SCRIPT modules (e-learning for prescribing and therapeutics)
  ➢ CPPE resources
  ➢ Access to an RPS foundation e-portfolio throughout the IFPP
  ➢ Access to the RPS Interim Foundation Programme Curriculum
**Existing FPP**
- Named Supervisor
- Supervisor meetings
- Develop a portfolio
- Collection of evidence
- Register to inhouse programme
- Work towards achieving programme curriculum
- Programme funded by employer / organisation
- Local certificate of completion

**Requirements of the IFPP**
- Named educational supervisor to complete IFPP supervisor training
- Minimum of seven FP / ES meetings per year
- Evidence to be documented on RPS Provisional Pharmacist e-Portfolio
- IFPP Evidence requirements
- Register to IFPP
- IFPP Learning outcomes (mapped to the RPS FPF)
- Funding is made available to organisations to assist in IFPP programme delivery
- National Certificate of completion
More information and updates:

- Visit our [IFPP web page](#)
- Email [fpp@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:fpp@hee.nhs.uk) to receive weekly programme updates