

## CPPE launches *Pharmacy technicians: using patient group directions in practice* e-learning programme

The Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE) are pleased to announce the launch of the [\*Pharmacy technicians: using patient group directions in practice\* e-learning programme](#).

Medicines legislation has been amended to add pharmacy technicians to the list of registered healthcare professionals able to work under a patient group direction (PGD). Accordingly, CPPE's new 1.5 hour e-learning programme is designed to help pharmacy technicians consider the value they can bring when using PGDs to enhance person-centred care.

After completing this e-learning programme, learners should be able to explain how the legislation and regulatory framework applies to pharmacy technicians working under a PGD, and describe how pharmacy technician roles contribute to services using PGDs. In addition, learners should be able to apply a person-centred approach to consultations involving a PGD, and develop an action plan to support their use of PGDs in practice.

Before working through this programme, learners should ensure they have completed the elearning for healthcare (elfh) [\*Patient group directions\* e-learning programme](#). This will ensure that they have an understanding of the legislation and guidance supporting appropriate and legal PGDs.

### Quotes:

"I am very proud that CPPE has developed this e-learning in time for the release of the fantastic news from NHS England/DHSC that medicines legislation has been amended to add the pharmacy technician profession to the list of healthcare professionals able to work under a PGD. Our e-learning builds on elearning for healthcare's *Patient Group Directions* e-learning to support the 16 health professions in understanding the legislation and guidance around appropriate and legal PGD use. Our e-learning is designed to build confidence in pharmacy technicians to work under a PGD, and includes activities to apply the learning to practice when providing person-centred care, and also to help the learners understand their professional responsibility."

***Joanne Nevinson, senior pharmacy technician, learning development and North West regional tutor, The Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education***

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