**Draft – North East and Yorkshire – Guidance notes on Application for Independent or Non-Medical Prescriber Training v.draft 2**

**Purpose**

To provide guidance to prospective applicants, employers and system leads on the background information and process for application to Independent/Non-medical Prescribing programmes at Northeast and Yorkshire (NEY) Universities (Higher Education Institutions - HEIs).

**Scope**

This procedure applies across Northeast and Yorkshire and is accurate at the time of writing and may be subject to change dependent on funding and contract arrangements.

**Review**

This document will be reviewed after two years through the NEY Non-Medical Prescribing Leads Network, or sooner in the event of any professional or regulatory body changes.

1. **Course application**
	1. Application forms can be supplied by the University provider - see online link to [HEI Non-Medical Prescribing (NMP) courses](https://www.hee.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/documents/NMP%20HEI%20Course%20Information_v%20July%2023.pdf) in the North of England – select your chosen provider and prescriber course from the summary table

NB: Many organisations will require a local NMP lead to check the application and sign it off, before it is submitted to the university.

1.2. The NMP or university lead, will be able to provide further details) , or contact the local NMP Lead, if your organisation has one, or your Primary Care Training Hub:

- [North East and Yorkshire universities](https://www.hee.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/documents/NMP%20HEI%20Course%20Information_v%20July%2023.pdf)

- Integrated Care System Primary Care Training Hubs:

North East North Cumbria: [see link](https://madeinheene.hee.nhs.uk/general_practice/Primary-Care-Training-Hub/Training-Programmes-and-Courses)

Yorkshire and Humber: [see link](https://yhtraininghubs.co.uk/)

1. **Approval and Funding** **confirmation**
	1. Confirm funding for Independent Prescribing (IP)/NMP course – this will need to be gained prior to application and cited as part of your application; these may be funded in a variety of ways, e.g.
		* direct funding to University via NHS England
		* employing organisations can fund courses directly
		* candidates are also able to self-fund the course
	2. Applicants need to refer to HEI application process (see [links](https://www.hee.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/documents/NMP%20HEI%20Course%20Information_v%20July%2023.pdf)). You will need to identify your supervisor and ask them to complete the Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP) – supervisor section on the application form.
	3. Approval must be sought from organisation you wish to undertake supervised prescribing practice (and gain employer release for learning time, if different)
2. **NHS Funding**
	1. For courses funded by the NHS , there are criteria that must be met in order to access this funding (see below), this may also include agreement from your organisation or ICB to use their allocation of funding.
	2. **Application criteria which must be satisfied** to qualify for an NHS England funded place on a prescribing course you must:
		1. Be working in or providing an NHS or not for profit service where NMP can be used as part of the service (i.e. not private practice such as aesthetic services)
		2. Have employer/organisational approval with clear governance arrangements in place to use NMP as part of their service/practice.
		3. Have appropriate and confirmed access to a prescribing budget and prescription provision, if needed
		4. Have confirmed access to the appropriate supervisor(s); the supervision model must be agreed with your University course lead.
		5. Have a commitment to the appropriate number of hours of supervised practice from both your employer and the prescribing supervisor/DPP (other course requirements may also need to be considered, e.g. Advanced Clinical Practitioner [ACP] apprenticeship)
		6. Meet the HEI admission criteria

3.2.7. Meet regulatory and professional body guidance (see NMC, HCPC and RPS, GPhC links below for further information), in addition to any local/employer requirements.

1. **Additional information for Pharmacists**

4.1. Pharmacists, undertaking specified roles in primary care and community, if eligible may be able to access funding via the [Pharmacy Integration Programme](https://www.hee.nhs.uk/our-work/pharmacy/independent-prescribing), which is funded directly to the University. Applications should be made to the chosen HEI (see above link for accessible Universities across England).

a) PCNs Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme [ARRS]\* enrolled on **Pharmacy Primary Care Education Programme (PCPEP)**

\*ARRS pharmacy roles require email sign off from [CPPE educational supervisor](https://www.cppe.ac.uk/wizard/files/primary-care/pcpep-emp-faqs-dec22.pdf) ‘approving’ enrolment onto IP course

or

b) **Pharmacy Integration Programme (PhIP) funded**

i) Community pharmacists: Locum pharmacists working in community pharmacy to support delivery of NHS clinical services

ii) Pharmacists working to provide primary care services: working in primary care/CCG/general practice) who are not employed in ARRS role

iii) Pharmacists working in the Health and Justice system (confirm NHS Service via written support from employer)

1. **Useful Information for prescribers and supervisor**
	* + 1. Royal Pharmaceutical Society (2016**)** Independent Prescribing [Prescriber competency framework](https://www.rpharms.com/resources/frameworks/prescribers-competency-framework)
2. Health & Care Professions Council Standards for Prescribing (2019)

<https://www.hcpc-uk.org/standards/standards-relevant-to-education-and-training/standards-for-prescribing/>

1. Nursing & Midwifery Council Standards for Prescribing Programmes (2023) <https://www.nmc.org.uk/standards/standards-for-post-registration/standards-for-prescribers/standards-for-prescribing-programmes/>
2. [Royal Pharmaceutical Society (2019) Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP) competency framework](https://www.rpharms.com/resources/frameworks/designated-prescribing-practitioner-competency-framework)
3. NHSE Funded Non-medical prescribing courses - [North HEI Information - local northern University providers. (](https://www.hee.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/documents/NMP%20HEI%20Course%20Information_v%20July%2023.pdf)reviewed July 2023)
4. NHSE Funded DPP Trainingfor those supervising learners in community pharmacy- see <https://propharmace.com/est/>
5. DPP Preparation online training modules - open access to 8 online modules for any eligible professional either intending to become a DPP or for existing DPPs wishing to update. <https://healthvle.co.uk/signup/dpp>
6. NHS England. Pharmacist Independent prescribinginformation, including nationally funded provision. <https://www.hee.nhs.uk/our-work/pharmacy/independent-prescribing>
7. Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE)
	1. [CPPE Prescribing Gateway](https://www.cppe.ac.uk/gateway/prescribing)
	2. [CPPE Return to Prescribing](https://www.cppe.ac.uk/career/return-prescribing#navTop)
	3. [CPPE Extending Scope of Prescribing Practice](http://www.cppe.ac.uk/programmes/l/moch_pcp-ec-01)
	4. [CPPE Preparing to train as an independent prescriber](http://www.cppe.ac.uk/career/preparingtotrainip)
8. [SCRIPT](https://www.e-lfh.org.uk/programmes/script/) Safer Prescribing modules: national eLearning programme, designed to encourage safe and effective prescribing and medicines management. was created to improve prescribing competency and was expanded to provide support for anyone involved in prescribing and administration of medicines, including non-medical and independent prescribers. To learn more, please visit the [SCRIPT website](https://www.safeprescriber.org/).
9. [CliniSkills](https://www.cliniskills.com/) For Community pharmacists’ clinical examination and consultation skills - to build on existing skills and knowledge - see [website](https://www.cliniskills.com/). This training will help enhance the skills of community pharmacists in assessing, treating, and managing common health problems. Consisting online gateway module - history taking and identification of serious conditions, and optional clinical modules: **dermatology, cardiology, paediatrics, and ear, nose and throat.**