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Qualification for Pharmacy Technicians

Introduction

Following the revision of the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) Initial Education & Training Standards for Pharmacy Technicians (IET) in October 2017, a new single qualification to reflect the standards is being developed.

The qualification has been developed to support:

- meeting the GPhC Initial Education and Training Standards https://www.pharmacyregulation.org/news/gphc-launches-new-education-and-training-standards-pharmacy-technicians and regulatory requirements to register as a Pharmacy Technician
- the required skill mix and service transformation required to support various policy drivers including Five Year Forward View, Community Pharmacy Forward View and the Medicines Value Programme, Achieving Excellence in Pharmaceutical Care: A Strategy for Scotland and Supporting prudent prescribing to obtain the best outcomes from medicines for patients in Wales – All Wales Medicines Strategy Group Five-year Strategy 2018–2023
- the requirement from employers not to limit training pre-registration trainee pharmacy technicians to the hospital and community pharmacy sectors only
- the service and workforce requirements of a pharmacy technician that will register in 2021 as defined by the IET, with a focus on the roles pharmacy technicians are undertaking in integrated care models for example GP and Care Homes
- being a single qualification, including the underpinning knowledge requirements to reflect the IET person centric standards
- reflect any apprenticeship policy requirements as determined by the Institute for Apprenticeships
- transferability of pre-registration trainee pharmacy technicians across the home countries is critical, in recognition of this, Awarding Organisations and Subject Matter Experts from England and Wales have developed this qualification in collaboration.
- there is a single point that defines the initial education and training standards required for registration as a pharmacy technician with the GPhC. In order to standardise criteria and support consistency across the home countries for patients and employers, this qualification development has also been shared with colleagues in the home countries.

The qualification
Please note that this consultation does not focus on the level of the qualification. The qualification has been developed to meet the initial education and training standards stipulated by the pharmacy regulator. All units in the survey will be mandatory for all pharmacy

settings.

Please also note that this qualification is new and should be reviewed as such.

The qualification as defined by the IET will be a blend of knowledge and work based learning. Below is a proposed structure for education providers to consider delivering over the 2 year training period.

Please click here to view the infographic on the proposed delivery structure.

Skills for Health welcomes comments on the content of each of these units to support whether the learning outcomes reflect the skills and knowledge a day 1 pharmacy technician, working in any sector will require to provide delivering pharmaceutical care for people using their services.

The survey

There are 25 mandatory units in this survey. Depending on how many units you wish to comment on, this survey may take you more than a couple of hours to complete. You may find it easier to download a zip file with all of the units prior to completing this survey. To download the units as a zip folder, please click here

This survey has been set up so you can save your responses and come back later. You will need to click on the message *Save and continue later* at the top of the screen and a link will be emailed to you. **NB.** sometimes there have been problems with NHS email addresses being able to do this, so you may like to provide a non-NHS email address to use this function.

This survey will close at 12pm noon on Monday 30 July 2018. For any queries about the survey, please contact qualifications@skillsforhealth.org.uk

Please note that responses to this consultation will only be accepted via this online survey.

Post Consultation

Awarding Organisations will analyse consultation responses, review comments and make amendments before submitting the final draft qualification to the GPhC and Ofqual for approval.

It is anticipated that following GPhC approval and accreditation by Ofqual, the qualification will be available for Education Providers to develop curricula and delivery models between January 2019, ready for the first cohort in September 2019.

A wide range of opinion and expertise is critical, we therefore welcome all comments to ensure that the qualification developed meets the requirements of the GPhC Initial Education and Training Standards and workforce requirements for 2021 and beyond.

Thank you for taking the time to respond.

1. Please tell us about yourself *

First Name

Last Name

Job Title

Employing Organisation

Email Address

Where is your organisation based?

- ☐ England
- ☐ Northern Ireland
- ☐ Scotland
- ☐ Wales
- ☐ UK wide

Do you work in a pharmacy setting?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Are you responding on behalf of yourself or on behalf of an organisation?

- ☐ Myself
- ☐ An organisation

Sometimes we need to clarify one or more of the answers that you give in the survey or we would like to come back to you to ask for additional information. Are you happy for us to contact you in this way, using the email address you have provided?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

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