**Expression of Interest - For host sites to support Pharmacists on independent prescribing (IP) training.**

The North Central London (NCL) Integrated Pharmacy and Medicines Optimisation (IPMO) Workforce Group invites expressions of interest to participate in an HEE-funded project as a placement site for pharmacists undergoing independent prescribing training, details of which are provided below:

**Project Background**

There are currently many pharmacists within NCL across all sectors of pharmacy practice waiting to undertake IP training, and insufficient DPPs (Designated Prescribing Practitioner) to provide supervision.

The NCL IPMO workforce group secured a HEE workforce transformation bid to: increase DPP capacity and consequently the number of IP-trained pharmacists across all sectors of the NCL workforce.

**Objectives**

1. Release capacity within the existing DPP workforce across NCL to allow supervision for a greater number of IPs in training within our existing resource

2. Improve access to high quality supervised IP-related learning experiences for pharmacists that do not have easy access to DPPs within their place of employment

3. Improve the experience of pharmacists undertaking IP training within NCL

4. Develop models of supervision and continuing professional development for both IPs and DPPs across all sectors of pharmacy practice post IP training

5. Support an increase in IP and DPP numbers across NCL ICS in all sectors of the pharmacy workforce, in line with the NHS five year forward plan, the strategic aims of the NCL ICS People Board, and the IPMO workforce strategy

**Training plan**

The training plan includes a structured learning experience through supervised, patient facing activities to develop consultation skills and clinical decision making in an area of interest.

We are looking for primary and secondary care team host sites to provide access to specialist clinical teams across NCL - An example for a scope of practice in diabetes might see placements a community diabetes team, in general practice with a practitioner having a special interest in diabetes, or in a secondary care outpatient clinic, MDT or on a ward round.

More information and a formal training plan will be provided before placements commence.

**Examples of activities to be conducted during placements**

* Direct observation of practice
* Supervised patient consultations
* Case based discussions
* Participation in clinical meeting(s) with content aligned with IP area of specialty
* Support with university course-sign off’s to evidence the supervised learning events undertaken whilst on placement

**Inclusion criteria:**

* The host site must be a primary or secondary care setting, a community or intermediate service provider
* The host site should have hosted either: a trainee pharmacist / IP trainee or medical students/junior doctors in the last 3 years
* Host ties must provide a named clinical supervisor (AHP or Medical professional) with advanced knowledge in the IP area of expertise
* Host sites must have a CQC rating of good (Note: where improvement is required, an improvement plan will be reviewed and considered)
* Primary care settings must be an approved learning environment or a training practice
* Secondary care trust must be a recognised training provider through the local HEI (e.g. be a current teaching hospital).

**Exclusion:**

The pharmacist cannot already be employed directly by the host site / department.

**Incentive & time commitment:**

* £100 per session per IP trainee will be remunerated to support the supervised learning activities
* The host site must commit to at least 5 sessions per trainee and a maximum of 8 sessions per trainee over a 3 month period (between June 2023 – February 2024)
* An opportunity for educators to utilise their skills to contribute to the development of the workforce

**To express interest to become a host placement site:**

Please complete below form and return to [shivani.patel15@nhs.net](mailto:shivani.patel15@nhs.net) by 2nd June 2023.

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| **Full Name** |  |
| **Position** |  |
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| **Contact number** (and extension number if applicable) |  |
| **Practice / Department / Hospital / Community site or service name if applicable** |  |
| **Address of placement site** |  |
| **Please provide a brief description of how your site / department meets the criteria to be considered as a placement host** (200 words maximum) |  |