**Community Pharmacy Integration Programme**

**Teach and Treat - trainee Community Pharmacist**

**Independent Prescribing (tCPIP) Programme**

**Expressions of Interest (EoI)**

Independent Prescribing (IP) is increasingly important for pharmacists delivering care across the NHS and will form the cornerstone of future practice. IP course fees are funded for 25/26 by NHSE Workforce, Training and Education (W,T&E) see programmes available via link [HERE](https://www.hee.nhs.uk/our-work/pharmacy/independent-prescribing/approved-suppliers-community-pharmacists-pharmacists-gp-health-justice-pharmacists).

The course application process requires pharmacists to confirm details of Designated Medical Practitioner **(DMP)** or a Designated Prescribing Practitioner **(DPP)** to support **90 hours of ‘supervised learning in practice’**. A DPP can be an IP Pharmacist who is currently actively prescribing and has been annotated as a prescriber by GPhC and can facilitate the 90 hours of learning in a prescribing environment. Historically, this has been a real challenge for community pharmacists for many reasons and therefore we are supporting Phase 3 of a TEACH and TREAT programme that will match your EoI, if successful, with secured DPP support within a surgery team. Your application for a funded university placement can then progress and when university place secured you are then able to make plans with your DPP. Teach and Treat programme provides a limited number of community pharmacists working within the Gloucestershire with a DPP and a suitable prescribing learning environment in general practices to focus on an initial clinical area and scope of practice within Hypertension.

Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board (GICB) is seeking EoI’s from Community Pharmacists working in Gloucestershire Pharmacies, who are keen to apply for the next intakes of study between September 25 to March 26. Places especially at Bath and UWE, our local universities, are exceedingly popular, and we often see application windows close prior to end date due to oversubscription hence being prepared with all information required is important.

**The conditions of your Expression of Interest (EoI) for the Teach and Treat programme are as follows:**

1. You will be able and willing to apply for a university course placement as soon as possible to start from September 2025 with ALL necessary documentation - see university websites for each course requirements.
2. You have support from your line manager / employer to join this programme and undertake this study. You will need time out of your workplace to complete the learning in practice in selected GP surgeries - half a day a week for 26 weeks and this will need to be agreed with DPP, surgery and your employer.
3. You will attend all University online or face-to-face sessions required to complete the IP course, 26 days over the duration of course although this may be synchronous or asynchronous study.
4. You will have sufficient capacity for the required self-directed learning and study time as required to complete the course – see university estimates for approximate times to complete reading, reflections and essay submissions.
5. You will be responsible for liaising with DPP and surgery team for organising your programme of learning in practice. The role of your DPP will be to supervise and facilitate your learning rather than organise it.
6. In the event of more applications than places for the Teach and Treat programme, the information you provide in this EoI will be submitted to a panel convened by GICB who will assess each EoI and agree whether your EoI can be supported at this stage. The panel may request a short MSTeams interview in order to confirm suitability for inclusion in the Teach and Treat programme after which you will be informed of successful outcome for inclusion at this stage and you will be able to complete your course application with your preferred University to start in 25/26. **There is no guarantee that your university application will be successful so consider courses and capacity carefully and contact course providers to ensure you have all necessary documentation and understand their likely capacity etc.**
7. In the event that an application to the University is unsuccessful, the place of the Teach and Treat programme will be offered to the next applicant, in order of preference decided by the ICB panel. Any candidates who are unsuccessful in this phase will be eligible to reapply for subsequent phase (dates to be announced later).
8. You agree to your information being shared with GICB and Community Pharmacy Gloucestershire (CPG previously known as LPC)
9. You agree to participating in evaluation and feedback events as appropriate and supporting the development of Community Pharmacist IP through discussions and events.
10. You agree to consider supporting the development of tCPIP’s in future as appropriate through Designated Prescribing Supervisor (DPS) or Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP) when eligible.
11. **The deadline for returning this EoI is 5pm 15/06/25** to [glicb.pod@nhs.net](mailto:glicb.pod@nhs.net)

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| Item | Information required for EoI - if more EOI’s are received than expected then we reserve the ability to select based on a number of criteria that may include selecting pharmacists working in pharmacy locations in areas of high deprivation as per IMD Index or where the number of patients per GP is high.  To ensure a fair evaluation, each section below will be scored against specific selection criteria.  Please include all relevant information and utilise word count to support your application. |
|  | Name: |
|  | GPhC number : |
|  | Valid Nhs.net email address: (**Note: This is a mandatory requirement to proceed with your application**) |
|  | Mobile telephone number: |
|  | Name and full address with postcode of the Community Pharmacy in Gloucestershire that you work most of your hours in: |
|  | Hours per week you currently work in Community Pharmacies in Gloucestershire: |
|  | Are you in the majority an employed or a self-employed pharmacist?  Employed / Self-employed |
|  | Name of line manager / employer:  Has employer confirmed support for this study with appropriate arrangements for support/release?  YES / NO / Not applicable |
|  | Describe why you would like to train as an independent prescriber (max 200 words) : |
|  | Describe how this learning and subsequent annotation will benefit your practice, patient care and community pharmacy (max 200 words): |
|  | Describe how you have developed your current scope of practice, with a particular focus on Pharmacy First, BP/Contraception consultations and Smoking Cessation Services. You may also include relevant experience with Hypertension case finding services (including ABPM), NMS, DMS, PGDs, Vaccination services and PCN collaborations etc. (max 200 words): |
|  | Please provide any other information in support of your expression of interest in the Teach and Treat programme and training as an IP. For example, how will you ensure you have sufficient time to complete the study required to complete your IP course (max 200 words): |
|  | If my application is successful, I will be able to start my IP course and the Teach and Treat programme in 25/26 dependent on university places being available.  YES / NO |
|  | If my application is successful, I will apply for my University IP place immediately to secure one of the limited places:  YES / NO |
|  | If you are unable to start in 25/26 would you like to be kept informed about subsequent opportunities to express interest in the Teach and Treat programme.  YES / NO |

Thankyou for completing your expression of interest in the Teach and Treat programme. Please return your completed EoI to [glicb.pod@nhs.net](mailto:glicb.pod@nhs.net) as soon as possible and by the latest 15th June 2025