**Pharmacy Integration Programme IP Training Offer**

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**Background**

The Pharmacy Integration care homes programme aims to upskill pharmacy professionals to support medicines management and medicines optimisation for frail, older people. In this financial year (2017-18) we are offering pharmacists Independent Prescribing training.

**The offer**

Pharmacists from community, primary care and secondary care who currently have no mechanism to undertake independent prescribing should be encouraged to apply. Specifically, we are looking to support:

* Pharmacists (regardless of which sector they work in) working in care homes or integrated urgent care settings
* Community pharmacists who wish to expand their scope of practice with their current care homes
* General practice pharmacists (not on CPGP programme) currently supporting care homes
* Pharmacists working in General Practice Out of Hours settings
* Primary care pharmacists (CCG or commissioning support unit) wishing to extend their scope of practice into care homes
* Pharmacists working for private organisations commissioned to work into care homes

Pharmacists wishing to access these IP places should be able to demonstrate that they access to a prescribing budget and the care setting where they plan to use this qualification.

**Process**

Medicines optimisation leads, chief pharmacists or senior leaders should provide the following information to NHS England.

* Name and Contact Details (email, telephone) of pharmacist learner
* Location
* Current (or future) care setting where IP will be used
* Preferred start Month (Jan, Feb or March)
* Care setting where IP will be used