

Specialist Inspector and Clinical Pharmacy Advisor

Location: Homebased

Reports to: Head of Inspection

Grade: B

Job purpose

To inspect registered pharmacy services that provide or are associated with prescribing practice and make evidence-based judgements on performance against the registered pharmacy standards. To provide technical coaching, support, advice, training and development to the inspectorate on non-medical prescribing practice and clinical pharmacy services. To undertake themed reviews to identify and share learning with the wider sector, including generating insights and sharing notable practice case examples. To provide specialist clinical advice on concerns in triage and investigations of fitness to practise cases and to all teams across the organisation on independent prescribing practice and a broad range of specialist clinical pharmacy services.

Main accountabilities

- Make professional evidence-based judgments on the quality of pharmacy services and compliance with relevant legislation, GPhC standards and guidance, and in accordance with policies and procedures. Additionally, make sure outcomes of inspections are consistently in line with the inspection decision-making framework and reports meet quality and house style standards and requirements.
- Identify and develop opportunities to raise the skills, knowledge and understanding of staff across inspection and other teams on assessing the quality of clinical pharmacy services as well as independent pharmacist prescribing practice. Provide training and support materials as appropriate.
- Provide clinical input into and undertake themed reviews of topical pharmacy issues to share learning with the wider sector, and to identify and quality assure notable practice case examples that focus on independent prescribing practice or clinical pharmacy issues.
- Provide specialist clinical advice at triage and in the investigation of fitness to practise cases related to independent prescribing in practice. Assess information, evidence and context available to inform decisions and focus of investigations. Make evidence-based recommendations as required.

Table 1: Knowledge and skills for this job

Criteria	Essential	Desirable
To be a practising independent pharmacist prescriber with substantial post registration experience.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keep up to date with evidence-based practice and accepted quality standards and guidelines for prescribing practice.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Registered with the GPhC, and membership of the professional body.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Experience of inspection, and/or making evidence-based judgements in line with quality standards from a range of information.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Experience of delivering measurable improvements (quality cost and/or timeliness) through effective coaching and development of individuals in a related area.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Experience of giving advice and providing objective and unbiased views. Ability to communicate technical and clinical issues clearly to lay colleagues.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flexible and able to travel including overnight stays.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Apply the relevant management systems, procedures, policies and training related to risk management, health and safety, information security, data protection and business continuity.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Apply and manage the diversity and equality policy and practice pertinent to the role.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Experience of inspecting registered pharmacy premises and associated or linked prescribing services.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Understands fitness to practise and has previous experience in investigations and enforcement activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Experience of providing advice to investigators.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

The knowledge and skills required for this role may change according to the needs of the GPhC and you will be required to perform any other reasonable duties as may be assigned from time to time.