

Consultation on initial education and training standards for pharmacists



2019

Why do the standards need to be revised?

- Pharmacists' roles are evolving quickly in response to rapid changes in healthcare and pharmacy practice
- The standards set by the GPhC for the initial education and training of pharmacists need to be revised to respond to these changes
- The GPhC is proposing to integrate academic study and workplace experience, so that student pharmacists are adequately prepared for future roles

How were the proposals developed?

The GPhC:

- sought views from stakeholders, including the schools of pharmacy and others involved in education and training
- established an Education Advisory Group
- established expert drafting groups to test specific aspects of the proposals

Key proposals at a glance



1. One set of standards and learning outcomes for the full period of education and training
2. Closer integration between academic study and workplace experience
3. Revising the learning outcomes- strengthening experiential learning and inter-professional learning
4. Strengthening the requirements for selection and admission
5. Strengthening the requirements in relation to equality, diversity and inclusion

What would this mean in practice?

- Schools of pharmacy would need to redesign their MPharm degrees to integrate the full period of education and training
- Student pharmacists would have greater exposure to patients in a range of environments from an earlier stage
- 'Pre-registration training' replaced with 'learning in practice'
- Schools of pharmacy, employers and commissioners would decide when 52 weeks of learning in practice is carried out
- A more rigorous and structured approach to learning in practice

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Next steps

- The feedback received through the consultation will be considered by the GPhC Council in Summer 2019
- Once the education and training standards have been finalised there would be:
 - a managed transition to the new standards
 - an evidence framework and guidance for providers to help implement the new standards

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