

Miss Laura McEwen-Smith

Principal Pharmacy Technician; Health Education Kent Surrey Sussex Pharmacy Education

Laura is currently involved with the Health Education Kent Surrey and Sussex Community Education Providers Network (CEPN) Pharmacy Project. Laura supports the education infrastructure work stream by leading on a project to inform, develop and implement a system which appraises and approves preregistration pharmacist tutors – both as meeting the GPhC standards but also the standards required to train and support trainees across a range of professional backgrounds. Laura also works as a regional CPPE tutor, working with local leaders and commissioners to support the pharmacy workforce learning needs.

Laura is an experienced pharmacy technician with a broad range of experience across the pharmacy sectors since qualifying in 2005. She started as a pharmacy technician in a community pharmacy integrated into GP practice before moving into clinical primary care and then secondary care roles. Laura now works in clinical education and training as a speciality.

Laura has been an NHS Regional Pharmacy Education and Training Lead since January 2013. Within her role she is responsible for managing the development and provision of a range of accredited education and professional development programmes for post-qualification pharmacists and pharmacy technicians. Laura recently project managed the development and implementation of an e-Portfolio system for pre-registration pharmacists and their educational supervisors across Kent, Surrey and Sussex. Laura is due to complete her Postgraduate Certificate in Clinical Education in June 2015.