Dear Colleagues,

The new Initial Education and Training for Pharmacists (IETP) requires all newly qualified pharmacists to become independent prescribers (IP) from 2026. In addition, legacy Pharmacists (who had graduated but not completed an IP course in preceding years) can opt to gain an IP qualification. This means that there will be an influx of trainee and new pharmacist prescribers who may need support and supervision for prescribing.

We are launching the **'Coach A Pharmacist Prescriber' (CAPP)** free online platform in Kent & Medway where IP and Trainee Pharmacists will be supported by experienced multiprofessional prescribers (this includes both medical and non-medical prescribers).

Phase 1 from 24th Oct 2024 - open for existing multiprofessional prescribers to register as coaches, to build the database of coaches.

Phase 2 from December 2024 - open for registration of pharmacist IP coachees, to find a coach.

Other regions are also able to subscribe to the platform

https://capp.onpld.com/

Who can register on this platform?

As a coach and DPP	To be coached (coachee)
➢ Doctors	➢ Pharmacist trainees seeking a DPP to complete their IP course
➢ Any healthcare professional who is a non-medical prescriber e.g. nurse, pharmacist or allied health professional	➢ Pharmacists looking for coaching in prescribing

There is no formal training requirement to act as a coach but DPPs will need to meet the competency requirements of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society DPP Competency Framework.

What does the platform offer?

- The platform will 'match' IP pharmacists and trainee pharmacists to a coach to support prescribing
- A coach will provide coaching on a clinical practice-based problem.
- The platform will match IP trainees to a DPP based on their requirements and location
- A DPP will provide supervision required for the trainee to complete the IP course.

What we need your support with

- Please encourage all multiprofessional prescribers to register on the platform as coaches and/or DPPs.
- All pharmacists who are IPs or seeking a DPP to complete their IP course can register as a coachee.

The platform is currently only to support Pharmacist prescribers (in anticipation of the IETP reforms), we anticipate that the next phase of the project will encompass supporting multiprofessional prescribers.

Yours sincerely,

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