

Foundation Training Year Supervisor Requirements 2025-26

The following table outlines the standards, supervision requirements, training, knowledge, skills and behaviours required for Designated Supervisors and Designated Prescribing Practitioners and is meant to support conversations around individuals' eligibility for the roles. Please note for those undertaking the combined role all criteria must be satisfied.

Required of both types of FTY supervisor roles
 Specific to DS
 Specific to DPP

Standards	
DS and DPP	Have no sanctions or conditions on GPhC registration and no current fitness to practice issues
DS	Registered as a pharmacist with the GPhC for a minimum of three years
	Currently practicing with relevant experience in sector of practice in which they wish to supervise
DPP	>1 year qualified as IP although >3 years preferred where possible
	Annotated as IP on relevant professional register and actively prescribing with regular patient contact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IP on GPhC register • IP on HCPC register • V300/ V200 on NMC register On Specialist or GP register with GMC
	Experience of sector should be sufficient so that an individual is confident in their ability to supervise in the trainee pharmacist's sector of practice (primary care would be suitable for supporting community pharmacy as same cohort of patients)
Supervision requirements	
DS and DPP	Have sufficient time allocated to the role to be able to meet the requirements of supervision and assessment for the trainee pharmacist they are supervising
DS	Must be based in same training site location as trainee pharmacists
	Responsible for supervising one trainee pharmacist at a time (exceptions for overlap of July/November cohorts and when in a joint DS arrangement for modular or split programmes)
	There are no set minimum number of hours contact time between trainee pharmacist and DS but all trainee pharmacists must have a clear supervision plan in place for all time in training. The DS needs to have sufficient contact with the trainee pharmacist to support progression in training and sign off

	Where the trainee pharmacist is following a training programme where there is a block of training of 13 weeks or more in another sector of practice – then a separate named designated supervisor must be allocated for each block of training
DPP	Can supervise more than one trainee pharmacist. Responsible for overseeing the 90h minimum PLP. Not required to personally supervise for the full time period. Will support trainee pharmacist identify appropriate PLP activities and collaborators
	There are no set minimum number of hours contact time between trainee pharmacist and DPP. The DPP will need to have sufficient oversight to guide development towards and assess competence of the prescribing learning outcomes
	DPP does not need to be based in same training site location as the trainee pharmacist but where they are, consideration must be given to what hours constitute PLP
	The trainee pharmacist only needs one DPP for the duration of their PLP
Training	
DS and DPP	Completion of NES FTY Supervisor declaration prior to start of the training year
	Completion of all NES FTY supervisor training requirements by week 13 of undertaking the role
	Completion of Equality and Diversity training by week 13 of undertaking the role
DS	Ensure completion of Equality and Diversity training by week 13 of training year for all relevant team members involved in FTY training
Knowledge, skills and behaviours	
DS and DPP	Understands the GPhC Initial Education and Training Standards and Learning Outcomes
	Familiar with the GPhC guidance and regulations in relation to the Foundation Training Year
	Familiar with the NES FTY programme requirements as detailed in the FTY employers' agreement
	Individuals identified for the role must be deemed to be able to competently assess, monitor and sign off the trainee pharmacists' skills, knowledge, understanding and behaviours against the required GPhC learning outcomes and NES FTY Curriculum & Assessment Strategy
DPP	Individuals identified for the role must be supported to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • undertake a self assessment of their capabilities using the DPP competency framework • demonstrate their knowledge and skills in relation to the Prescribers Competency Framework in order to complete their declaration
	Individuals should have identified limits of their own competence and have ability to signpost to appropriate collaborator network where necessary
	Understand the assessment requirements or level of assessment required for prescribing related learning outcomes