



Choosing your Designated Medical Practitioner (DMP)

Who is the DMP?

A designated medical practitioner (DMP) is a medical practitioner who directs and supervises a non-medical prescriber's period of learning in practice – a required element of non-medical prescribing (NMP) qualifications. They will also be responsible for assessing whether the learning outcomes have been met and whether the trainee has acquired certain competencies.

Who can be my DMP?

The DMP must be a registered medical practitioner who:

- Has normally had at least three years recent medical, treatment and prescribing responsibility for a group of patients / clients in the relevant field of practice
- Is within a GP practice and is either vocationally trained or is in possession of a certificate of equivalent experience from the Joint Committee for Post-graduate Training in General Practice Certificate

OR

- Is a specialist registrar, clinical assistant or a consultant within a NHS Trust or other NHS employer

AND

- Has the support of the employing organisation or GP practice to act as the DMP who will provide supervision, support and opportunities to develop competence in prescribing practice

AND

- Has some experience or training in teaching and / or supervising in practice

AND

- The DMP will normally works with the trainee prescriber. If this is not possible (such as in nurse-led services or community pharmacy), arrangements can be agreed for another doctor to take on the role of the DMP, provided the above criteria are met and the learning in practice relates to the clinical area in which the trainee prescriber will ultimately be carrying out their prescribing role.