



Choosing your Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP)

Who is the DPP?

A Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP) 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 DPP?

The DPP must be a registered prescribing practitioner who:

- Has at least three years recent medical, treatment and prescribing responsibility for a group of patients / clients in the relevant field of practice

AND

- Is Trained and/or experienced in supporting and supervising students, providing feedback on progress towards, and achievement of, proficiencies and skills

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 to act as the Designated Prescribing Practitioner to provide supervision, support, and opportunities to develop competence in prescribing practice
- Has active and relevant prescribing competence in the areas you will be supervising, which will allow the pharmacist to demonstrate outcomes in their area of prescribing
- Has the ability to assess clinical and diagnostic competence using a range of methods
- Has appropriate clinical and diagnostic skills
- Has read the RPS DPP Guidance and matches the criteria