



NHS Aseptic Services Accreditation Group for development of training and best practice in pharmacy technical services

Expression of Interest – (Product Approval Induction Course Speakers)

1. Introduction

- 1.1. Product Approval Accreditation Programme is a national training programme that has been developed to deliver a functional and high-quality training and assessment programme for individuals who undertake the responsibility for “product approval” for aseptic products, prepared within hospital pharmacies under section 10 exemption from the Medicines Act 1968.
- 1.2. The programme addresses the training requirements of both pharmacists and suitably trained and experienced, registered pharmacy technicians.
- 1.3. The working group has members from several professional areas of pharmacy, National Pharmaceutical Quality Assurance Committee, Pharmaceutical Aseptic Services Group, National Pharmacy Education and Development Committee, Technical Services Manager, Pharmaceutical Technical Specialist Education and Training Group, Pharmacy Technician and Education & Training.

2. Objectives of the *Product Approval Induction Course Speakers*.

- 2.1. To help learners demonstrate an appropriate level of knowledge of Good Manufacturing Practice in aseptic preparation, an appropriate level of knowledge of Quality Assurance in aseptic preparation, knowledge of principles and processes in aseptic preparation and knowledge of the facilities, environment, and maintenance in aseptic preparation.
- 2.2. To help learners demonstrate a thorough knowledge of relevant legislation and professional guidance, a thorough understanding of the professional responsibilities and accountabilities surrounding section 10 exempt aseptic preparation, a thorough understanding of pharmacist supervision of section 10 exempt aseptic preparation, an appropriate professional attitude to the role of Product Approval, competence and an appropriate level of confidence in carrying out product approval on aseptically prepared items and a clear understanding of their personal professional capabilities and scope of practice.

3. Description of roles

- 3.1 To ensure the contribution of appropriate expertise and experience, the NHS Aseptic Services Accreditation Group would like to recruit one member to the speaker team for the Product Approval Induction Course.
- 3.2 We are seeking people with demonstrable experience in NHS Pharmacy Aseptic Preparation services, working knowledge of the relevant professional standards - Quality Assurance of Aseptic Preparation Services (QAAPS), Product Approval (Pharmacist and/or Pharmacy Technician) delivery of training and an awareness of the current landscape, alongside views on the future will be required. Commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion is essential.

- 3.3 The time commitment for the role will include:
- Teaching of up to two hours duration every two months which will be virtual using Microsoft Teams.
 - Review and feedback on presentations and actions as required between induction days.
- 3.4 If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Philip Jones, Senior Pharmacy Technician/Training Programme Director, Pharmacy Workforce Development South, Philip.jones@uhbw.nhs.uk.
- 3.5 The full membership list is shown in Appendix A.

4. Application information

- 4.1. Application will be through submission of the expression of interest form via the MS Forms link here:
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=dlq22ethzEunZJFACjBCczCxM9WNXAdLvPI-lz2RZohUNDY0OFpHQVNXTFhTQVVLN1owVjRJSTJMVS4u>
- 4.2. The closing date for expressions of interest is 14th February 2025. Successful expressions of interest will be followed up by 28th February 2025.
- 4.3. Please note, the process of selection will be appointment by a panel comprising of the Chair of ASAG plus two ASAG members available.

NHS England, through the Office of the Chief Pharmaceutical Officer, using an open and inclusive process, actively encourages applications from a diverse range of candidates, including people from protected characteristic groups as defined in the Equality Act 2010.

The office of the Chief Pharmaceutical Officer has obtained and analysed credible evidence that people of the protected characteristics (female and BAME) are under-represented in senior pharmacy leadership in the NHS compared to the proportion of pharmacy workforce. Following discussion using an Equality Impact Assessment, the recruitment team have decided to use a positive action measure. When faced with two or more candidates of equal merit, we will select a candidate from a particular racial and/or gender group that faces a disadvantage or is under-represented over a candidate who is not from that group, to achieve diversity in the working group. Equal merit is interpreted as taking account of overall ability, competence, professional experience, and any other qualities required for the position as defined by the Government Equalities Office.

We also encourage you to disclose any learning difference, disability or reasonable adjustments that will enable you to fully participate in the working group.

NHS England's Privacy Notice (<https://www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/privacy-notice/>) describes how we use personal data and explains how you can contact us and invoke your rights as a data subject. We will process your information in accordance with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 2018.

Your personal data will be received and used by the Aseptic Services Accreditation Group and expression of interest panel. Your data will be stored securely for the duration of the working group member appointment process and if you are appointed as a member, for the duration of your working group membership.

Appendix A: Membership of the *Product Approval Induction Course Speakers*

Name	Job title/role	Organisation	
Dr Lynette James	Consultant Pharmacist	Acute Care & Medication Safety (All Wales)	
Scott Hillery	Pharmacy Aseptic Service and Specialist Product Manager	Kettering General Hospital	
Philip Jones	Training Programme Director	Pharmacy Workforce Development South (PWDS)	