



NPPG Special Interest Group – Paediatric Pharmacy Technician Terms of Reference

Committee:

Patricia Hayes (Chair) – Evelina London Children's Hospital
Courtney Edrich (Vice Chair) – Alder Hey Children's Hospital
Agnieszka Sadowska-Koszela – Evelina London Children's Hospital
Amy Cresswell – Hampshire and Isle of White Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
Danielle Norwood - Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children (Northern Ireland Representative)
Julia Footman – Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust
Lorraine Mellon – Royal Hospital for Children - Glasgow (Scottish Representative)
Louise Bradshaw – Ty Gobaith Children's Hospice (Welsh Representative)
Rebecca Le Maistre – University Hospitals of Northamptonshire
Susan Williams – Hope House Children's Hospice
Vakil Usamah – Great Ormond Street Hospital

Steering committee:

Volunteers from within group.
Representatives from all regions of the United Kingdom.

Subgroup membership:

All subgroup members must be Pharmacy Technician or Pre-registration Pharmacy Technicians.
All subgroup members must be NPPG paid members.
Those interested in becoming members of the subgroup need to request access via the NHS Network website - [Home - NHS Networks](#).

Aim: To enhance the role of paediatric Pharmacy Technicians by promoting collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and practical support, ensuring pharmacy teams can provide safe, effective, and high-quality care for children and young people across diverse healthcare settings.

Objectives:

1. Strengthen the role of paediatric Pharmacy Technicians by providing guidance, training, and professional development to enhance their contribution to children's healthcare.
2. Build a strong network to support collaboration, peer learning, and the exchange of practical experiences among Pharmacy Technicians working in paediatrics.
3. Develop and sign post accessible resources that address the specific needs of Pharmacy Technicians, including standardised processes, competency frameworks, and training materials.
4. Advocate for recognition and progression by ensuring the role of paediatric Pharmacy Technicians is represented in national discussions, policies, and workforce planning.
5. Promote best practices in medicines management by supporting initiatives that improve safety, efficiency, and patient outcomes in paediatric pharmacy services.
6. Encourage mentorship and career development with other Pharmacy Technicians.



7. Facilitate innovation and research by supporting Pharmacy Technician-led projects that enhance paediatric pharmacy services and contribute to evidence-based improvements.
8. Establish a knowledge-sharing platform to provide Pharmacy Technicians with ongoing access to updates, case studies, and problem-solving discussions tailored to paediatric care.
9. To represent and champion Pharmacy Technicians within the NPPG.
10. Support with peer discussions as part of annual GPhC revalidation.

Activities:

- **Meetings:** Steering committee meeting monthly – 2nd Thursday of the month 1-2pm.
- **Study days:** ½ day study day 3 times per year.

Planned Activities:

- Working alongside the DGH subgroup to develop a paediatric drug history protocol for use across all settings.
- Collaboration in writing guidelines where appropriate.
- Growing the Pharmacy Technician membership of the NPPG.

Communication within group: Communication via NHS Networks

Communication with NPPG: Regular reporting to NPPG committee on group activities.