



ROLE DESCRIPTION

REGIONAL SPECIALITY ADVISOR, PHARMACEUTICAL MEDICINE SPECIALTY TRAINING (PMST)

Background

The Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine (FPM) is a charity and membership body for physicians who advance health through innovations in medicines, vaccines, medical devices, precision therapies, diagnostics, and digital health technologies. Our small team works closely with the Board of Trustees and our 1,600 members to deliver on our mission and our strategic objectives, to improve the health of the public around the world.

Specialty Training

The Pharmaceutical Medicine Specialty Training programme, or PMST, is a cornerstone of FPM's commitment to producing pharmaceutical physicians who are equipped with the specialist knowledge and capabilities to practise to the highest ethical and professional standards.

The curriculum for Pharmaceutical Medicine Specialty Training is mapped to the PharmaTrain syllabus and tailored to meet the demands of the pharmaceutical sector and regulatory landscape, ensuring trainees are well-prepared for the challenges of the field. During their time on programme, trainees are required to maintain an e-portfolio and carry out relevant workplace-based assessments.

On successful completion of the programme, trainees are eligible to become Specialist Registrants in Pharmaceutical Medicine with the General Medical Council (GMC).

The role

Regional Specialty Advisors work with FPM and the GMC to ensure the delivery of high-quality specialty training within their designated UK regions, providing impartial advice and support on all aspects of training delivery, assessment, and evaluation. Regional Specialty Advisors work closely with FPM's Specialty Training Manager and with the Specialty Training Lead, and key relationships include with trainees, educational supervisors and training sites.

Key responsibilities include:

- To act as the main point of contact for all trainees, educational supervisors and training sites within their designated UK region, liaising with the Specialty Training Lead, FPM Specialty Training Manager and other colleagues as required.
- To act as the regional expert on the Specialty Training curriculum, workplace-based assessments and requirements for progression towards a Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT) in pharmaceutical medicine.

- To provide impartial advice and confidential support on specialty training matters to the PMST “community” in their designated UK region, including trainees and new applicants, educational supervisors and training sites, and feedback on those discussions as appropriate.
- To evaluate the suitability of organisations within their designated UK region that are considering becoming, or have been asked to become, training sites in pharmaceutical medicine, and support them with the processes around self-assessment and annual renewal.
- To act as an advocate for specialty training in their designated UK region, encouraging trainees to complete the GMC’s annual National Training Survey and advise and lead on any actions that emerge from the data for their region.
- To sit on ARCP panels as Reviewers and provide feedback on the ARCP process, evidence requirements etc as required, and attend other meetings upon request.

All: other responsibilities

- To act in compliance with the FPM’s Governing Documents and Procedures
- To follow the guidance set out in the FPM’s Committee Guidance Document
- To act in compliance with FPM’s Policies, including its Equal Opportunities Policy
- To act in compliance with FPM’s values

Time commitment

Regional Specialty Advisors will usually serve a four-year term of office and may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

REGIONAL SPECIALTY ADVISOR

Professional

Essential:

- GMC registered and in good standing.
- A Fellow of FPM in good standing.
- Holds a current licence to practice.
- Holds a CCT in pharmaceutical medicine or has a minimum of five years' experience as a pharmaceutical physician and can demonstrate the necessary breadth of experience in pharmaceutical medicine.

Regional Specialty Advisors who retire from paid employment may continue as a Regional Specialty Advisor for the calendar year of their retirement. Continuation thereafter is possible if they are able to demonstrate continued involvement in pharmaceutical medicine.

Desirable:

- Committed to the development and promotion of the specialty of pharmaceutical medicine.
- An understanding of and interest in contributing to the education and training activities of FPM.
- A working knowledge of Pharmaceutical Medicine Specialty Training, including the curriculum.
- Familiar with or has experience of quality management in postgraduate medical education, including a working knowledge of the GMC Quality Framework.
- Committed to continuing professional development.

Personal

Essential:

- Strong intellectual and analytical skills, independent judgement and the ability to offer constructive challenge.
- Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to work constructively with a wide range of relevant stakeholders.
- Willing to devote the necessary time and effort to fulfil the requirements of the role.
- Committed to FPM's values of being Professional, Innovative, Caring, Collaborative, Credible and learned.

Desirable:

- Experience in supervising and appraising others and in conducting assessments or mediation.

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