

Returning to pharmacy practice Fact Sheet

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Introduction

This fact sheet provides links to sources of information on returning to pharmacy practice. There are plans to develop the information on the PJ Online website in the coming months so you may find it helpful to check it from time to time.

Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) website

The RPS website has a section providing information for people wishing to return to practice. This includes some general points plus details about the process, return to practice and CPD, a return to practice checklist, FAQs and case studies. There is also information about the RPS's mentoring service. Some of this information is available to all visitors to the website, other information plus access to the RPS Support Service is only available to RPS members. Click on the link to go to the website:

<http://www.rpharms.com/you-and-your-career/return-to-practice.asp>

Need for an official guide to support those returning to pharmacy

This is an article written by Christine E. Heading from the National Association of Women Pharmacists that appeared in the Pharmaceutical Journal of 9 May 2009. The article looks at a range of return to practice issues and gives information on return to practice training providers, getting back into employment and issues relating to registration.

Click on the link below to view the full article:

http://www.pjonline.com/news/need_for_official_guide_returning_to_pharmacy_practice

From motherhood to pharmacist

This is an article by Jo O'Connell, principal team lead at CPL Healthcare that appeared in the Pharmaceutical Journal of 9 May 2009. The article looks at factors to consider for women who are considering returning to work after maternity leave or after their child starts school and gives information on support available.

Click on the link below to view the full article:

http://www.pjonline.com/content/from_motherhood_to_pharmacist

NHS Education for Scotland course: Return to pharmacy practice with confidence

This is a review by Shirley Wright of a three day return to practice course at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow. It appeared in the Pharmaceutical Journal of 9 May 2009. The review is very positive and the course strongly recommended by the writer.



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Click on the link below to view the full article:

http://www.pjonline.com/news/nhs_education_for_scotland_course_return_to_pharmacy_practice_with_confidence

Discussion forum

This discussion forum on the PJonline website enables people to share information, views and experiences.

Click on the link below to access the

Returners' exchange discussion forum:

http://www.pjonline.com/discussion_areas/returnersexchange

Contacts and resources

Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education

1st Floor Stopford Building

University of Manchester

Oxford Road

Manchester

M13 9PT

Tel: 0161 778 4000

Enquiries: info@cppe.ac.uk

Information on return to practice courses:

<http://www.cppe.ac.uk/sp/sp4.asp?pid=31&ID=90>

NHS Education for Scotland

Enquiries: enquiries@nes.scot.nhs.uk

www.nes.scot.nhs.uk

Welsh Centre for Professional Pharmacy Education

8 North Road

Cathays

Cardiff

CF10 3DY

Tel: 029 2087 4784

Enquiries: WelshCPPE@cardiff.ac.uk

www.wcppe.org.uk

London Pharmacy Education and Training pack – return to work (NHS hospital pharmacy)

<http://www.londonpharmacy.nhs.uk/educationandtraining/recruitment/returnToPractice.aspx>

National Association of Women Pharmacists (NAWP)

The NAWP can offer a range of help to people returning to practice, including provision of low level continuing support, introduction to work opportunities with sympathetic employers across the UK, a mentoring scheme, CPD opportunities and the chance to be involved in small, novel projects.

Enquiries: enquiries@nawp.org.uk
www.nawp.org.uk

Pharmacist Support

We can provide financial assistance to people affected by loss of work, for example, due to ill health who are seeking to return to work. Examples include course and travel costs, registration fees and help with household costs.

While people are unable to work, we can also provide specialist advice on benefits entitlement.

For people who are struggling to manage their finances, we can provide specialist debt advice.

Our confidential Listening Friends telephone helpline, staffed by volunteer pharmacists, can provide a listening ear to pharmacists who have not worked for a while and may be anxious about returning to practice. Call Listening Friends on: 0808 168 5133

To contact Pharmacist Support, email us on:
info@pharmacistsupport.org
or call: 0808 168 2233

For further information on all our services, visit our website:
www.pharmacistsupport.org