

Accreditation and Recognition panel member

Name: Rebecca Chamberlain

Team leader

Job title: Self-employed Pharmacy Technician, Trainer and Associate

Rebecca Chamberlain is a registered pharmacy technician who specialises in regulation and the education and training of pharmacy professionals and support staff, having spent her early career in hospital pharmacy practice.

Rebecca spent fifteen years at a district general hospital in West Wales, specialising in medicines management and a clinical role, having completed a BTEC Professional Development Certificate (Clinical Pharmacy Technician) in 2004. Rebecca went on to complete a Certificate in Education (Post-Compulsory Education & Training) in 2008 and qualified as an Internal Verifier (IV) in 2012. During this time Rebecca worked part time for the Wales Centre for Post-graduate Pharmacy Education (WCPPE) as an Assessor, IV and Tutor/Teaching Associate.

Rebecca left hospital practice and relocated to Cardiff in 2014, to take up an education and training role at WCPPE (now Health Education and Improvement Wales). Rebecca led, managed and developed several programmes included the Level 3 Pre-Registration Pharmacy Technician programme, the ACPT accreditation and the Medicines Management accreditation. Rebecca also led the development and national pilot of an advanced practice framework for pharmacy technicians.

In September 2014 Rebecca was appointed as a Reserve Registrant Member of the Investigating Committee (IC), before being appointed a full member in August 2015. Rebecca sat on the IC for eight years before resigning in April 2023, when she was appointed as Assurance and Appointments Committee Pharmacy Technician Member.

Since 2018, Rebecca has developed a portfolio of roles, including delivery of online training events for the ProPharmace Practice Supervisor and Educational Supervisor programmes, self-employed Internal Quality Assurer and contract work for Pearson. Most recently Rebecca spent just short of two years as Standards Manager at the General Optical Council where she revised the standards of practice for Optometrists, Dispensing Opticians, Optical Students and Optical Businesses. In April 2024 Rebecca was appointed as an Independent Expert Member on the UK Pharmacy Professional Leadership Advisory Board.

Rebecca completed a Master of Arts in Education at Cardiff Metropolitan University in 2019, and was awarded the Howard Tanner Research Prize for her dissertation titled, 'An exploration of community pharmacy technician roles in Wales'. Rebecca later co-authored an article based on her dissertation,

which was published in a special edition of the 'Pharmacy' journal. In October 2024 Rebecca commenced an ESRC PhD scholarship, during which she will explore the educational needs of community pharmacy technicians in Wales.

Rebecca holds voluntary roles with UK Clinical Pharmacy Association (UKCPA) as Education Lead (Pharmacy Technicians), and the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) as a member of the Pharmacy Technician and Symposium Committee.