

Approved change to an accredited course or qualification

Introduction

As part of the standing conditions of approval of education and training the course provider/awarding body must seek approval from the GPhC for any substantial change (or proposed change) which is, or has the potential to be, material to the delivery of an accredited/recognised course/qualification. This includes, but is not limited to:

- a. the content, structure or delivery of the course/qualification;
- b. ownership or management structure of the institution;
- c. resources and/or funding;
- d. student/trainee numbers and/or cohorts and/or admissions policy;
- e. partnership, sub-contracting, licensing or franchise agreements;
- f. staff resource associated with the course/qualification
- g. any changes imposed, or conditions or action plans set by other regulators or through internal or external quality management processes.

The information below is a summary of an approved change to the course of education and training since the last approval event.

Summary and outcome	
Provider/Awarding organisation	Skills4Pharmacy
Course	Level 2 Apprenticeship Standard Course for Pharmacy Support Workers (PSW)
Current approval period	January 2021 – January 2024
Area to which this change relates	Student numbers Partnership arrangements with other organisations
Proposed change	To enter a partnership arrangement with the NPA, on a referral only basis, to deliver the support staff apprenticeship to NPA members. To increase number of students from 120 per year to 300 per year.

Outcome	Approved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This approval is in respect of the GPhC approved support staff apprenticeship only; approval has been sought by Skills4Pharmacy for the pharmacy technician apprenticeship via the responsible awarding organisation and this has been approved separate to this process • The agreement with the NPA is on a referral only basis, and Skills4Pharmacy are responsible for the entire support staff apprenticeship delivery, including admissions, assessment, and certification • Recruitment is planned in 2023 to increase capacity of Skills4Pharmacy tutors (GPhC to be kept up to date on recruitment status) • Any changes to the agreement between Skills4Pharmacy and the NPA must be notified to the GPhC immediately as per the standing conditions of accreditation, and • This change will be reviewed as part of the reaccreditation event planned for 2023.
Date approved	13 December 2022