

APPENDIX 9: RPS Accreditation and Foundation and Faculty training Providers

RPS accreditation programme involves awarding a quality mark, our logo, to training and education materials, resources and events that meet defined standards thus enabling our profession to identify high quality materials and events to support their professional development and ultimately patient care. RPS accreditation is based on rigorous processes including independent expert reviewers for all accreditation applications, many reviewers are RPS Faculty members. Governance and oversight of the accreditation programme is provided by an independent Professional Accreditation Panel. Only providers who meet the RPS principles will be awarded RPS accreditation. For training providers that do not meet our standards, we provide helpful and constructive feedback to enable them to further develop and improve their materials. The vision for the accreditation programme is to develop a library of accredited training and education resources and events to support the development of our profession. This provides a mechanism to signpost to education, learning and development opportunities related to medicines, pharmacy or professional development, as well as a suite of learning and development mapped to RPS Foundation and Faculty stages of practice.

Accreditation with the RPS recognises providers of high quality education and training resources, and training providers that lead in education development and delivery, and in turn demonstrates our commitment to supporting the future development of the profession and the wider healthcare team, in line with our vision, the vision for health care delivery, science and business.

An accredited RPS Foundation Training Provider delivers education and training mapped to the RPS Foundation Programme. Such providers support and develop Foundation pharmacists to the RPS standard. Where applicable, Foundation Training providers are recommended to work in partnership with employers and RPS Pharmacy Foundation Schools to benefit Foundation pharmacists and ensure standards are met.

An employer can be accredited as a Training Provider, by meeting the RPS Foundation Training Provider principles and, where further support is required to meet the requirements for assessment, are encouraged to work in partnership with other accredited providers or RPS Pharmacy Foundation Schools. Conversely, employers (who are not in a formal partnership with a RPS Pharmacy Foundation School) may work with accredited RPS Foundation Training providers, to deliver development experiences mapped to the RPS standards for the Foundation Programme.

Faculty Training providers demonstrate that their education and training is aligned to the Advanced Pharmacy Framework (APF), and supports pharmacists beyond their Foundation years.