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## LETTER A

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Dear Colleagues

### INDEPENDENT PRESCRIBING COURSES 2018 /19 APPLICANT INFORMATION for NES FUNDING

I am pleased to invite applications for the next Independent Prescribing Courses which are now open. There are **4 courses** available for 2018/19 with a total of **160 places**, two courses at each School of Pharmacy, and these will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

Details relating to academic requirements for attending the prescribing course can be found on the University websites <http://www.rgu.ac.uk/health-professions/study-options/distance-and-flexible-learning/pharmacist-independent-prescribing> **OR** <https://www.strath.ac.uk/courses/postgraduatetaught/pharmacistindependentprescribing/>

Additional information is available on the NES website in the form of short webcasts which you are advised to view <http://www.nes.scot.nhs.uk/education-and-training/by-discipline/pharmacy/pharmacists/prescribing-and-clinical-skills/resources/resources-for-application-and-completing-the-ip-course.aspx>

Application for NES funding for the IP courses at both Universities in Scotland is an online process. **Please choose the ONE course you wish to attend** and click on the link adjacent to this from the 4 options available. If the course is full the application process will close and you will be advised of this. You should then apply for an alternative course.

**Prior to applying for the course you must seek formal approval from your line manager in relation to:**

- **Prescribing being an agreed development need for you**
- **The clinical service you plan to deliver into as a pharmacist prescriber**
- **Release from the service for course dates and agreement to support you during the experiential learning period**

You also must identify a medical practitioner to act as your **Designated Medical Practitioner** who will **support your training** and resultant **implementation of prescribing** into clinical practice.

The course starting dates, University training dates, closing dates and electronic links for application are detailed below:



Chair: Dr Lindsay Burley  
Chief Executive: Malcolm R. Wright

**Robert Gordon University (40 places / course)**

**Course 1**

- Applicant closing date **13th October 2017**
- IP Course starts 29th January 2018, University training period 30<sup>th</sup> April - 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**Application link**

<https://response.questback.com/nhseducationforscotland/rquipcourse11819>

**Course 2 –**

Applicant closing date **11<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

- IP Course starts 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018, University training period 21st - 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019

**Application link**

<https://response.questback.com/nhseducationforscotland/ipcoursergu21819>

**University of Strathclyde (40 places / course)**

**Course 1 -**

- Applicant closing date **1st December 2017**
- IP Course starts 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018, University training period 4th – 8th June AND 30th August 2018

**Application link**

<https://response.questback.com/nhseducationforscotland/ipcoursestrathclyde11819>

**Course 2 -**

- Applicant closing date **16<sup>th</sup> March 2018**
- IP Course starts 1st June 2018, University training period 3rd -7th September AND 28th OR 29th November 2018

**Application link**

<https://response.questback.com/nhseducationforscotland/suipcourse2201819>

Following receipt of your application and after the closing date of the course, NES Pharmacy will request approval for funding from your Health Board Director of Pharmacy (DoP). Following approval of your application for funding from your Health Board DoP you will receive communication from NES Pharmacy. You will then receive communication to register for the IP course from the University.

**This will occur approximately 4-6 weeks after the **closing dates** for applications to NES.**

Please contact your NES Regional Practice Education Co-Ordinator (***Peter Hamilton WEST/ Lesley Pacitti EAST / Fiona Woodley NORTH***) or Fiona Reid, Lead for Prescribing and Clinical Skills, if you require any additional information in regard to these courses.

Yours sincerely



**Professor Anne Watson  
Pharmacy Post Graduate Dean**