



## THE ASSOCIATION OF PHARMACY TECHNICIANS UK

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### APTUK - Support us to Support You - Your Membership Matters - May 2020

The Association of Pharmacy Technicians United Kingdom (APTUK) is the national professional leadership body for pharmacy technicians working in all pharmacy sectors across all countries in the UK: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Over the last 8 weeks we have been working on behalf of our members to represent Pharmacy Technicians during the COVID19 Pandemic. As a Limited by Guarantee (not for profit) company, run predominately by volunteers, we could not do this without our Pharmacy Technician membership. It has been fabulous to see at this challenging time more Pharmacy Technicians have joined APTUK and we encourage Pharmacy Technicians, whatever your area of practice or stage of your career to **join us**. Help us to continue to do this and more for the future. Here is just some of the work we have been actively progressing in the last 2 months which aligns to our strategic goals, **please share with your colleagues and encourage them to support us to support you**

#### APTUK STRATEGIC GOALS

**Leading**  
**Expanding**  
**Advocating**  
**Progressing**

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**Collaborating with professional bodies, regulators and Government, APTUK have been supporting COVID19 plans, raising issues & offering solutions around policy, legislation, education and training to ensure we can support patients and service delivery:**

- Lobbying Government to ensure the COVID-19 Life Assurance Scheme applies to Community Pharmacy Technicians (PTs) and Pharmacy Support Staff
- Chair and panel representation on a Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RSP) hosted Webinar – Maintaining Medicines Safety in Hospitals during COVID19
- Released APTUK Position Statement relating to Pharmacy Technicians and the Preparation of Injectable Medicines along with resources to support upskilling redeployed PT's
- Supported the development of RPS Guidance on the ethical, professional decision-making in the COVID-19 pandemic
- Published an update on Tripartite Indemnity in response to Coronavirus
- Written and shared a Joint letter from the GPhC and APTUK to Pharmacy Technician Pre-Registration Technicians about training in 2020
- Provided support to PTPTs whilst training during COVID 19
- Published APTUK Principles and Guidance for the mobilisation of the Pharmacy Technician Workforce returning to practice
- Published APTUK Pharmacy Technicians - Medicines Administration Operating Framework Principles along with resources to support upskilling redeployed PT's
- Written and shared a Joint Letter, GPhC, Pharmacy Forum NI, Pharmaceutical Society of NI and the RPS - COVID-19 Social Distancing Protecting yourself and Your Teams.
- Shared updates on COVID-19 including HEE, HEIW and NES Information for Trainees Statement, Coronavirus (COVID-19): Hospital Discharge Service Requirements, Community Pharmacy Updates, links to GPhC COVID-19 Knowledge Hub, Guidance on PPE & Coronavirus testing, CD legislation changes, GPhC/RPS Key worker letters & access to resources, NHS Wellbeing support information, GPhC Inspectorate good practice evidence

Thank you.

Liz Fidler President

**Membership is £48/year (that's just 92p a week) and is free for PTPTs. Join via APTUK the website**