



## What Can Pharmacy Technicians Contribute to the GP Team?

Pharmacy Technicians (PTs) are healthcare professionals registered with the General Pharmaceutical Council and have long established roles in community pharmacy, secondary care and commissioning.

In general practice, PTs are supporting pharmacists & GPs to focus on advanced skills by undertaking tasks such as medicines reconciliation on discharge, management of prescription queries and repeat requests.

## NHS England Programme - Medicines optimisation in care homes

NHSE is investing in pharmacy technicians alongside pharmacists, to 'improve patient centred care and quality, reduce the risk of harm from medicines and release healthcare resources' Dorset has been awarded funding to invest in this role.

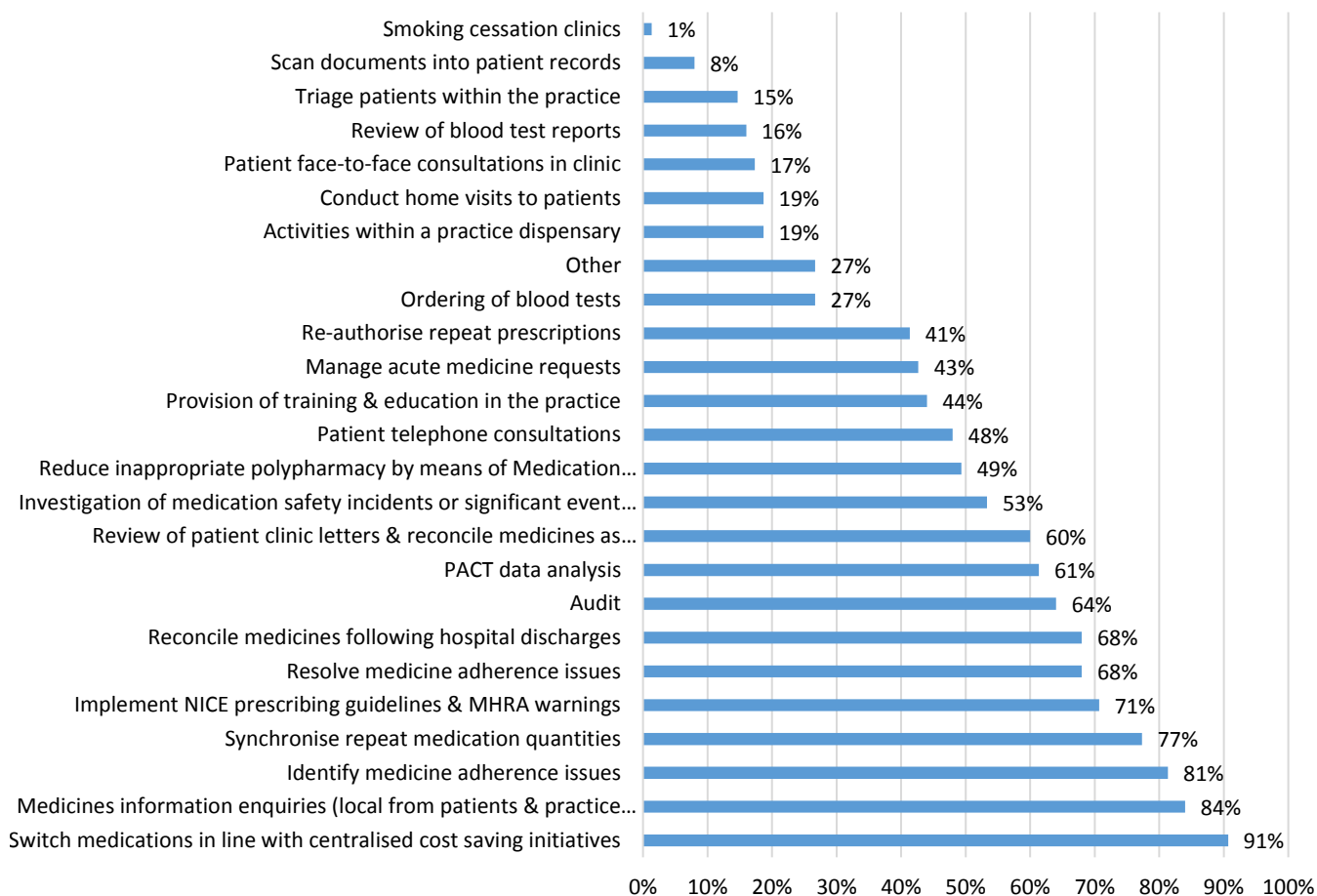
More information can be found [here](#) & advice can be sought from Dorset CCG Medicines Optimisation Team or the PCWC.

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The graph below is taken from a GPPT survey conducted by HEEW CEPN & the PCWC, describing the tasks conducted by GPPTs ([Link](#)):



## Training and Experience

PTs are trained to level 5 in pharmaceutical science, they may also complete additional post-registration qualifications in accuracy, medicines optimisation, management & leadership. HEE CEPN South are in the process of developing a general practice programme for pharmacy technicians.

If you want advice regarding pharmacy technicians training pathways get in touch with the PCWC.

## Useful Resources

The CPPE provides training free of charge to registered pharmacy professionals including elements of the GP Pharmacy Training Pathway [here](#).

'A day in the life of a senior primary care pharmacy technician' article [here](#).

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