

Primary Care Placements

1. Name- SM

2. University- University of Reading

3. Students Profession- Pharmacy student

4. Background e.g., what made you want to study and join this profession?

My interest in pharmacy began while working in a community pharmacy, where I gained insight into the crucial role pharmacists play in improving patient outcomes. I was inspired by how they combined their scientific knowledge with patient-centred care and how the profession continues to expand into more clinical and patient-focused areas. This experience confirmed my desire to pursue pharmacy as a career where I can play an active role in improving patients' lives and shaping the future of healthcare.

5. What did you enjoy most about your placement?

really valued being part of a multidisciplinary team in the GP setting, where I observed how pharmacists play a key role in optimising patient care through medication reviews and clinical advice. I also had the opportunity to observe an Advanced Clinical Pharmacist and see how they worked collaboratively with patients to determine the most effective and appropriate treatment plans. I thoroughly enjoyed being part of their day-to-day work, gaining insight into how pharmacists contribute to delivering safe, personalised, and high-quality care in a GP setting.

6. What activities did you carry out in your placement?

During my placement, I followed the typical day of a GP pharmacist and a PCN pharmacist, observing their work in medication management and patient consultations. I also observed minor illness consultations, medication reviews, and audits, including audit preparation and data collection. Additionally, I learned about requesting blood test forms, contacted patients under the supervision of a pharmacist, and identified those who required a steroid card or needed a PPI while taking NSAIDs.



7. What are you most proud of from your placement?

I am most proud of enhancing my clinical knowledge and communication skills, gaining the confidence to engage with patients and contribute to safe, effective medicines management under pharmacist supervision. I am also proud of how quickly I adapted to the GP setting, demonstrating professionalism and teamwork while supporting the delivery of high-quality patient care.