**TASK SHEET – The Pharmacist**

**Aim**

Introduce you to our pharmacist.

An insight into the conditions they manage, medicines optimisation, prescription processing etc

Exploring how they fit into the Primary Care team.

 **Specific Tasks**

* Who employs them?
* Who makes up the PCN pharmacy team?
* Explore their roles e.g., triage, minor illness management, medication optimisation, medication review?
* In what other setting might they work?
* How do they improve patient care and patient safety?
* Do they have any liaison with hospitals?
* Who do they ask for help if there is a medication query? Is there any community medicine management team?
* The Pharmacist
* Where did they qualify?
* What qualifications does they have?
* What is involved in their training?
* Do they do any further training post qualification?
* How are they revalidated? What is their equivalent of our GMC?
* How can we make their working lives easier? i.e. hints and tips – ask the pharmacist!
* Now can you define the role of the Practice/PCN pharmacist? Try and categorise his/her duties under main headings. Continue overleaf if necessary.

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