

**Report on applications for NHS pre-registration trainee pharmacist places in
England & Wales for the 2016 intake (2nd round of recruitment)**

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Introduction

Recruitment for the 2016 intake of trainees took place in 2015. This report provides a summary of the application stage of recruitment for the second round of recruitment for the 2016 intake of trainees.

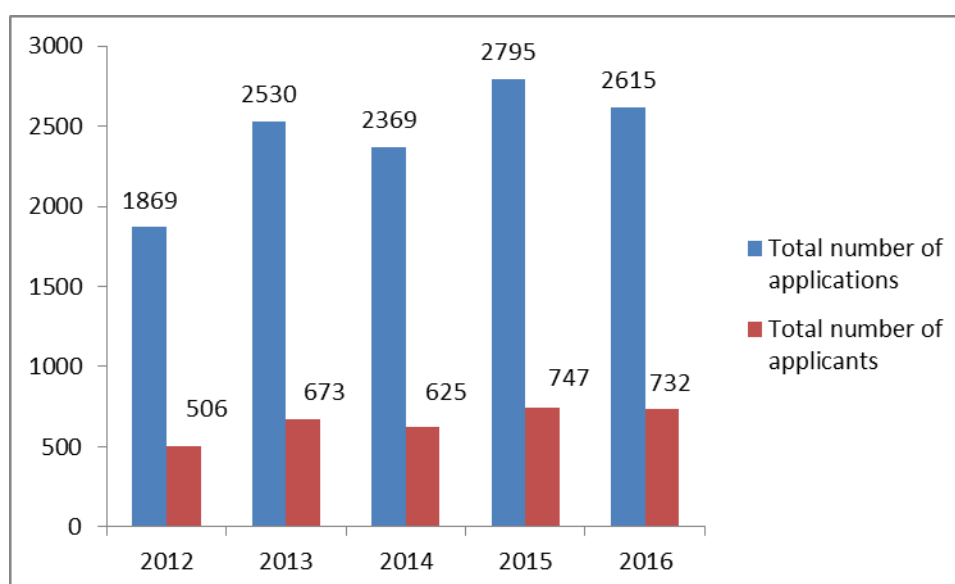
Number of places advertised

A total of 51 places at 35 hospitals were advertised in the second round. This is higher than last year when there were 44 second round places at 29 hospitals. Some of the second round places this year were newly commissioned posts that were not advertised in the first round. One hospital had a vacancy that was not advertised in the second round.

Number of applications

There were a total of 2615 applications, from 732 students in the second round for the 2016 intake (685 MPharm students, 45 OSPAP students and 2 EEA Pharmacist applying for adaptation training). This is slightly lower than the 2015 intake where there were 2795 applications, from 747 students.

Figure 1.0 Applications and applicants



530 students who applied in the first round applied again in the second round. 202 students applied in the second round but not in the first round (186 MPharm and 16 OSPAP). This is much higher than last year where 134 students applied in the second round only.

Applications per hospital

There was an average of 74.71 applications per hospital in the second round compared with 96.4 applications per hospital for the 2015 intake and 71.8 applications per hospital for the 2014 intake.

Eight hospitals received more than 100 applications and 5 of these hospitals were in London. Moorfields Hospital advertised 3 second round places and received the highest total number of applications $n = 180$. All hospitals had at least 20 applications. On average there were 51.27 63.5 applications per advertised post for the 2016 intake compared to 63.5 applications per post advertised in the 2015 intake and 50.4 applications per post for the 2014 intake.

There were a total of 732 students applying for 51 advertised posts in the second round for the 2016 intake which is an average of 14.4 students per advertised post compared to 17.0 students per advertised post in the 2015 intake and 13.3 students per advertised post for the 2014 intake.

Conclusions

There is far greater competition for second round places (average of 14.4 students applying per advertised post) compared to the first round (average 2.19 students applying per advertised post).

The large number of second round applications puts a significant workload burden on hospitals recruiting in the second round.