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Pharmaceutical Quality Assurance and Technical Services Symposium 2026

GHP

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Specialist Pharmacy Service

MAJOR CHANGES / SEPTEMBER 2025 TO SEPTEMBER 2026

QATS Symposium 2026

Welcome

3–4 November 2026, Leicester









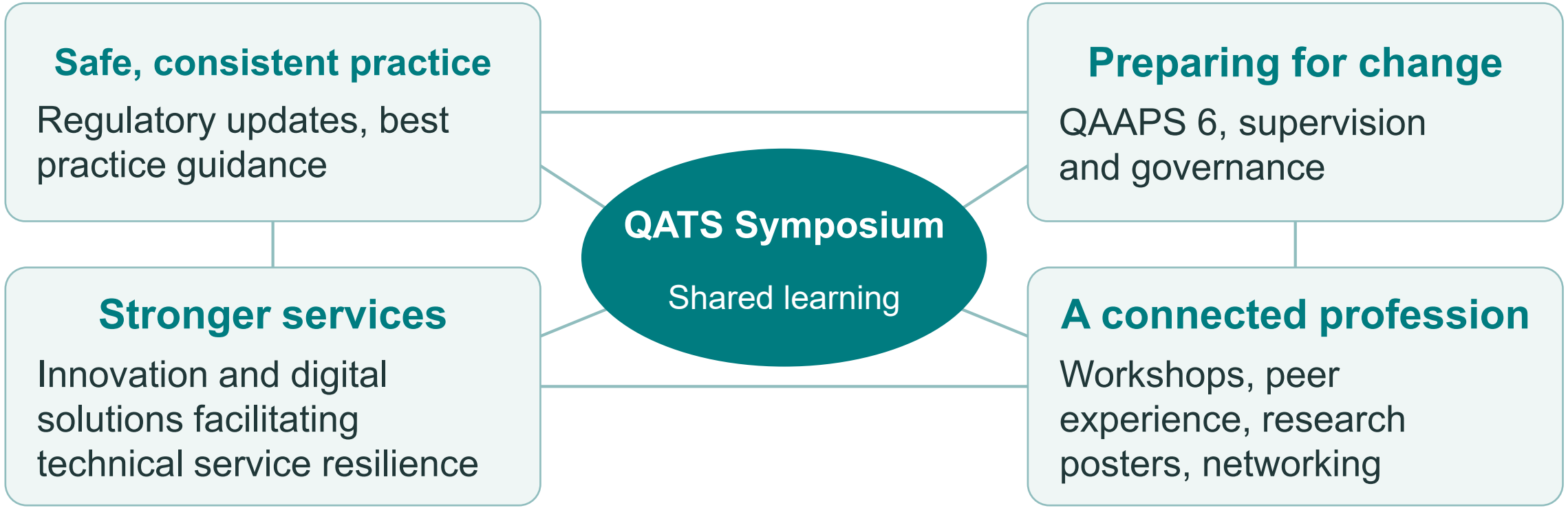




QATS SYMPOSIUM 2026

Why attend the QATS Symposium ?

Interconnected learning to support medicines quality and patient safety within technical services in the NHS



Return to local departments with clearer understanding of topics presented, useful contacts and ideas for safer care

Sources: NHS SPS and PASG QATS programme. Connections illustrate shared themes, not measured outcomes.

The QATS Times

QATS SYMPOSIUM EDITION

THE CHANGES AT A GLANCE

GREAT BRITAIN / PHASED IMPLEMENTATION

Pharmacy supervision reforms

10th December 2026

Registered pharmacy technicians can take primary responsibility for the preparation, assembly and dispensing of medicinal products in hospital aseptic facilities.

UK STANDARDS / IN DEVELOPMENT

QAAPS 6

QAAPS standards undergo extensive revision

UK NEWS
RULES IN FORCE

The Medicines for Human Use (Clinical Trials) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 come into force

28th April 2026

EU GMP
CONSULTATION PROPOSALS

EU Consultations issued

Chapter 1
3 Sept–3 Dec 2025

Chapter 4, Annex 11

and new Annex 22
7 Jul–7 Oct 2025

Annex 15 concept paper
9 Feb–9 Apr 2026

MEDICAL GASES UPDATE

Medical Gas Guidance updated

HTM 02-01
Part A: Aug 2026
Part B: Aug 2026

SHTM 02-01
Part A: Aug 2026
Part B: Sept 2026

ISMP WORKFORCE WORKSTREAM

Aseptic workforce workstream achievements recognised

National resource developments
Standardised role profiles
Competency tool
Career pathways – Career Navigator
Education catalogue

Sources: RCPharm, GPhC, legislation.gov.uk, European Commission, EMA/PIC/S, MHRA/HRA, NHS England and NHS NSS. ISMB resources: NHS Futures. Details in notes.

QATS SYMPOSIUM 2026

Symposium programme highlights

3–4 November 2026, Leicester Tigers Stadium

Presentations, panels and practical breakouts across quality assurance and technical services.

Supervision and governance

Supervision legislation keynote presentation
Panel discussion on accountability, governance, product approval and putting into practice

Technical services in practice

Digital solutions and PQS management.
Innovative approaches to GMP compliance
Pathfinder update
QC

Standards and compliance

QAAPS 6, MHRA inspection findings and solutions, compliance management, Bacillus and other stories

Shared learning and connections

Technical services research, poster presentations, exhibition and networking.

Workforce development

Infusions and Special Medicines Programme
Building effective teams

Presented by the QATS Interest Group of the Guild of Healthcare Pharmacists

Sources: NHS SPS and PASG QATS programme. See the current programme for session timings.