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# **AMHP Challenge and Opportunity**

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# Approved Mental Health Professionals Regulations 2008

- Question is this an opportunity to good to miss
- AMPH or AC role to be embraced or rejected and if so for what reason



# Learning Outcomes


- AMHP and nursing role challenges
- AMHP background and creation of role
- AMHP learn from experiences of ASW'S

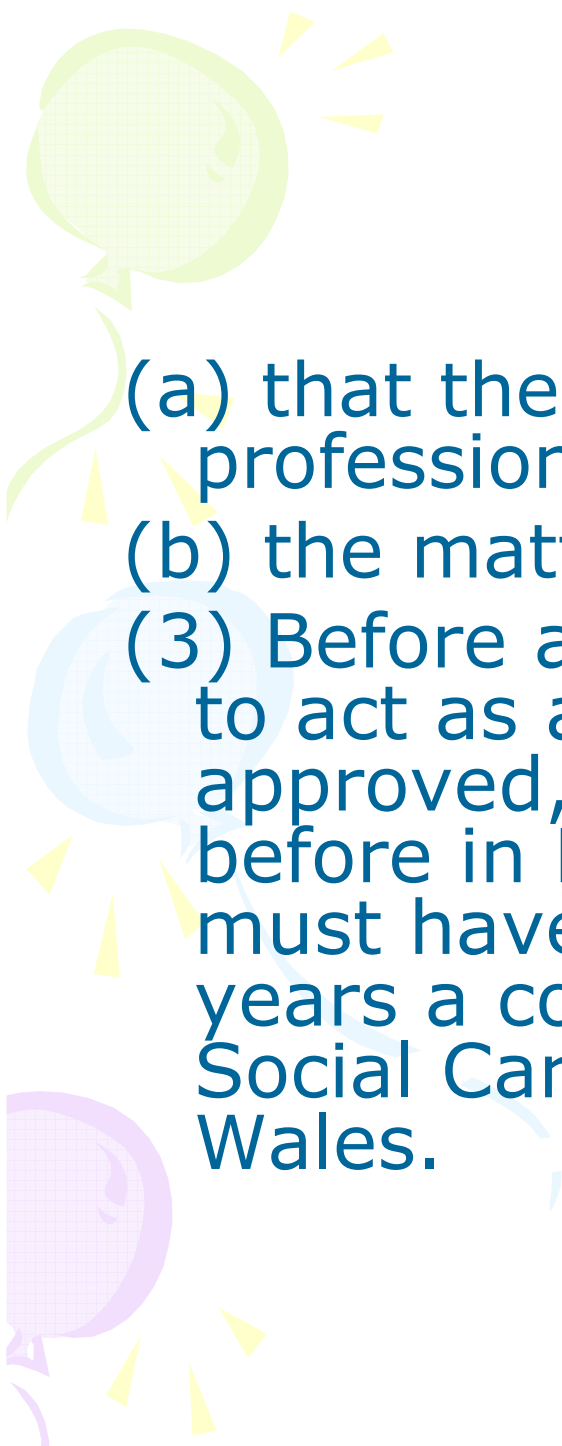


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- Are you thinking why should I take on this extra responsibility and for what financial gain
- Or is it I like the idea of providing that impartial independent applicant role
- Or somewhere in between
- AMPH or AC



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- In determining whether it is satisfied a person has appropriate competence, the LSSA must take into account the following factors—

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- (a) that the person fulfils at least one of the professional requirements, and
  - (b) the matters set out in Schedule 2.
- (3) Before an LSSA may approve a person to act as an AMHP who has not been approved, or been treated as approved, before in England and Wales, the person must have completed within the last five years a course approved by the General Social Care Council or the Care Council for Wales.



# Period of approval


An LSSA may approve a person to act as an AMHP for a period of five years.



# Conditions

- Each year the AMPH is approved they must complete at least 18 hrs training that is relevant to the role
- AMPH should notify in writing LSSA if they undertake a role in another SSA and when it ends.
- AMPH notify LSSA if they are suspended from professional register/ or competencies and when that date ends.



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- The AMPH immediately notifies LSSA immediately they no longer meet at least one of the professional requirements.


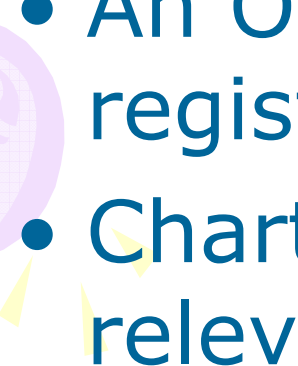


# Local SSA records

- Keeps register of AMPHS that includes name, profession, qualification, approval data, suspensions, previous approvals etc.




# Schedule 1 Professional

- Professional requirements are
  - A Social worker registered with the GSCC
  - A first level nurse in sub part 1 of NMC indicating MH or LD field of practice
  - An OT registered under part 6 of register
  - Chartered Psychologist and hold relevant practice certificate issued by
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# key competence area 1 values based practice

- AMPH must have the values of
- Identify, challenge, and where possible redress discrimination and inequality in the role
- Understand and respect individuals' qualities, abilities and diverse backgrounds and counter any decisions based on unlawful discrimination

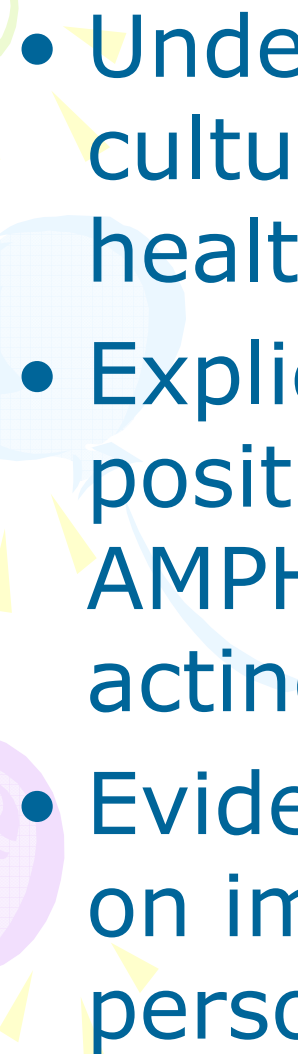
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- Ability to promote the rights, dignity and self determination of patients with their own needs and wishes to contribute to decisions that may affect their quality of life and liberty
  - Sensitivity to the persons needs for personal respect, confidentiality, privacy, and dignity when exercising the AMPH role



# Key competence area 2

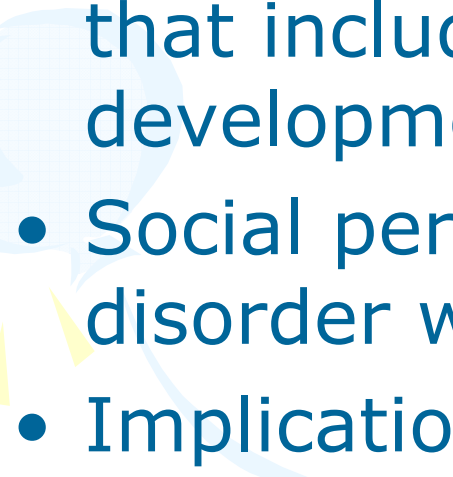

## Application of knowledge

- must have appropriate knowledge of and ability to apply
- Mental Health legislation, codes of practice and policy guides and knowledge of other parts of legislation and codes that may apply (HRA, CA, MCA).
- Understanding of the needs of young persons, families, and how to apply into practice

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- Understanding of and sensitivity to culture in application of mental health legislation
  - Explicit awareness of the legal position and accountability of the AMPH AND Whose behalf they are acting on
  - Evidence based practice, especially on impact of mental health on that person relating to stigma



# Competence area 3 application of mental disorder

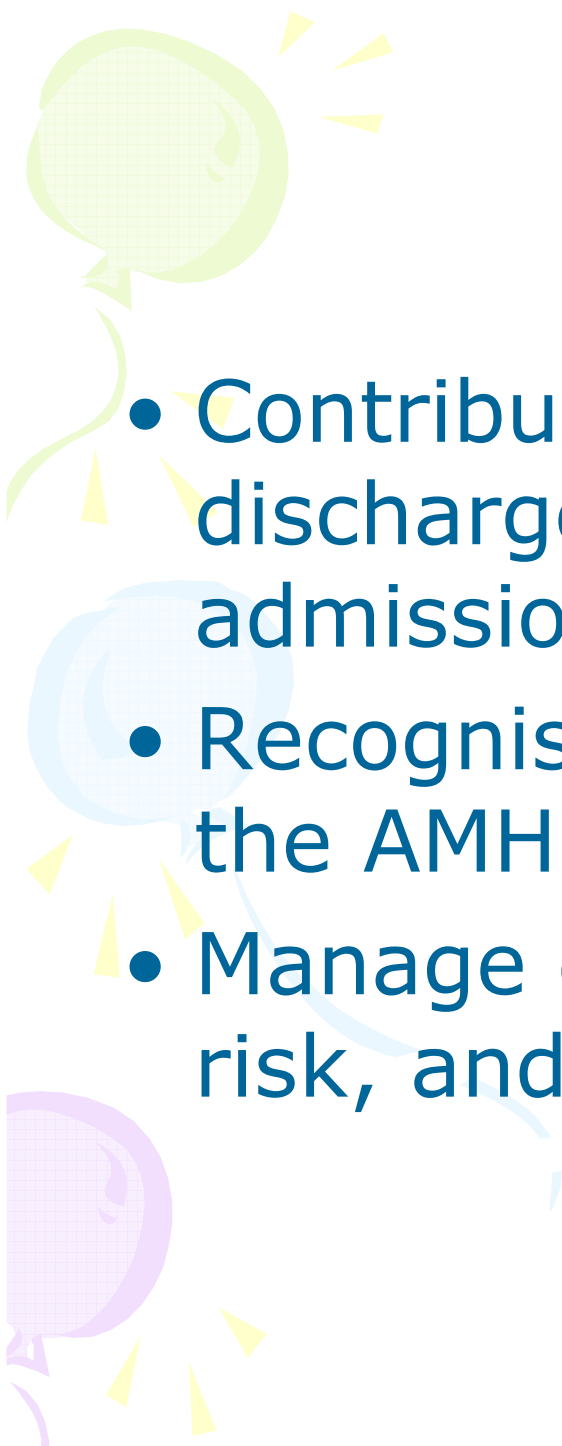
- Critical understanding and ability to apply
  - A range of models for mental disorder, that include social, physical, and development factors
  - Social perspective on working with mental disorder with individual, carers, and family
  - Implications of mental disorder and range of treatments for patient, family, and carers.
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- Critical understanding of the resources that might be available as alternative to hospital



## Competence area 4 effective partnershipworking

- Articulate and demonstrate social perspective on mental disorder and needs
- Communicate and establish effective partnership with patient, family and carers
- Articulate the role of the AMPH within interagency working


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- Contribute effectively to admission, discharge, and alternatives to admission
  - Recognise, assess, and manage risk in the AMHP role
  - Manage difficult situations, anxiety, risk, and conflict.

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- Balance competing powers of the AMPH role whilst empowering individuals
  - Plan, negotiate, manage compulsory admission to Hospital or aftercare/ SCT/guardianship.
  - Balance competing demands of confidentiality and information sharing with professionals and others



# Key Competency 5 professional decision making

- Assert social perspective in decision making, informed and independent decisions
- Obtain, analyse and share information from others
- State reasons clearly in writing and orally for decisions promoting independent and informed decisions

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- Ability to present a case at legal hearing
  - Exercise functions as an AMPH with authority and autonomy
  - Evaluate outcomes and unmet needs



# Louise Collins ASW

- S and St Georges hospital





# Straw pole to conclude

- AC or AMPH

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- Who wants to be an AMPH

- Why or why not

- Who wants to be an AC

- Why or why not
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# Reasons

- Responsibility
  - Money
  - Grade
  - Complexity
  - Accountability
  - Legal arguments
  - Autonomous social decisions of applicants
  - Or simply it is difficult enough now without additional pressures, but what about quality and contributions from AHP.
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