



Faculty of Health and Social Sciences
Post Graduate Diploma in Advanced Mental Health Practice Programme

IMPORTANT: Please ensure you complete all sections in full, then upload this completed form to your online application

Name of applicant:

MANAGER'S REFERENCE

Reference for candidate applying for AMHP training programme.

Please complete the form below and give it to the applicant. It is helpful if you read their personal statement which forms part of their application form before you complete this reference. If you have any questions or wish to discuss the selection process, please contact your agency representative before completing the form.

It will be helpful for you to refer to the Course Requirements above when writing your reference.

Based on the candidate's performance in their current post, please comment on each of the headings and add any other relevant information.

1. Would you say the candidate is ready to start the AMHP course at this point? What preparation have they made in readiness for the course?

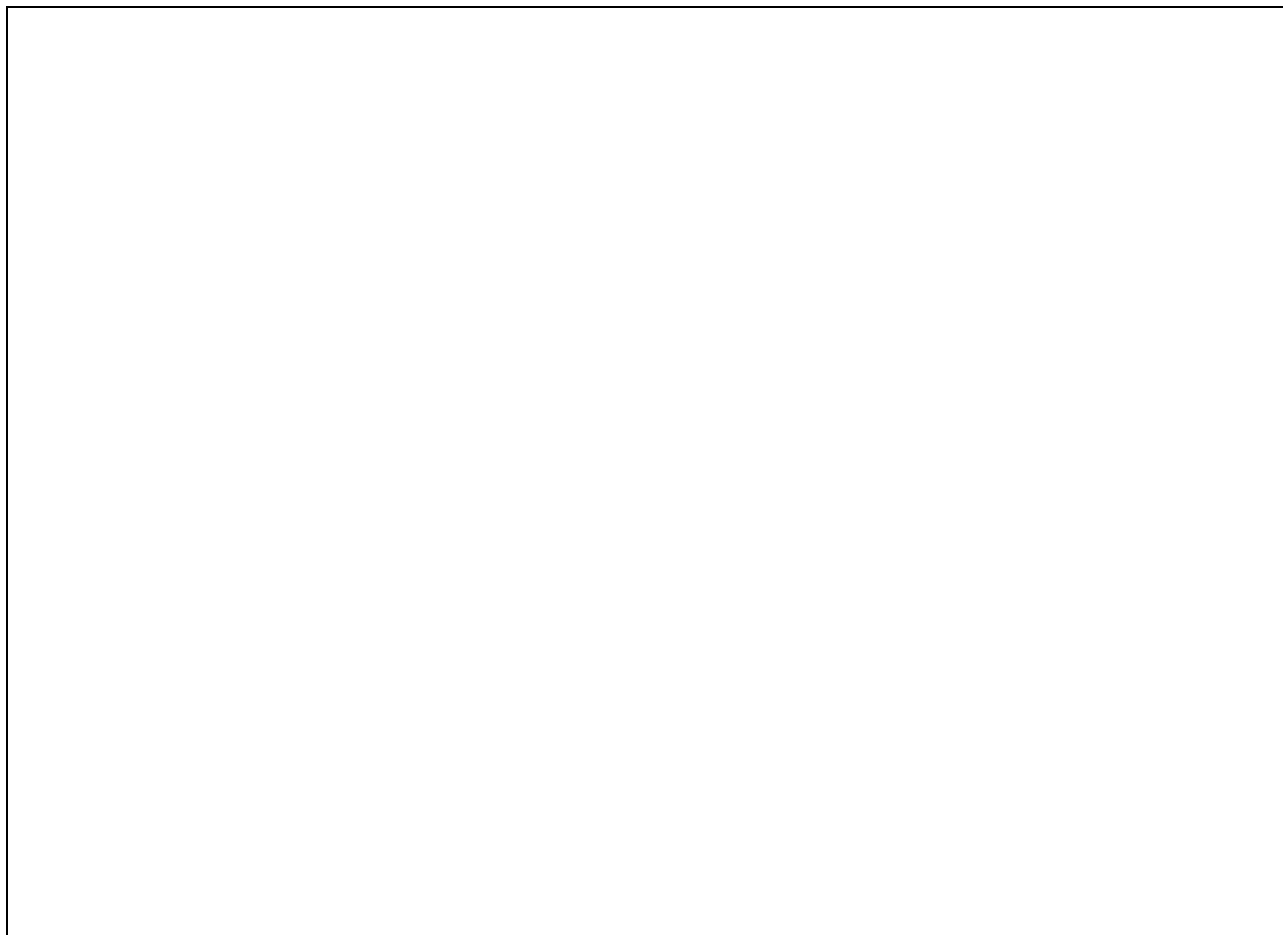
2. How has the candidate demonstrated an ability to challenge and, where possible, redress discrimination and inequality in relation to mental health practice?

3. What is the planned contribution to the AMHP service from this candidate once trained?

4. What are the candidate's specific practice placement learning needs?
5. Any additional comments on the suitability of this candidate or their particular learning needs
<p>I support this application and confirm that the necessary study time has been agreed and that practice-based opportunities and clinical assessment (if applicable) will be available for the duration of the unit applied for. Furthermore, I confirm that the candidate will be released from existing work commitments and will be able to undertake a practice placement in another setting if required.</p> <p>Please note: It is important that the applicants to the programme are fully aware of any specific contractual arrangements that will apply to them regarding funding and progression throughout the programme, this should include a discussion with the employer about any employment implications should they not complete the programme.</p>
Signed:
Name:
Date:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- A place on the programme may be subject to conditions e.g. a further practice placement or a number of MHA assessment shadows before the programme starts.
- Your place on the programme will always be subject to the on-going nomination and agreement by your employers that you are suitable for AMHP training and that they continue to support and fund your place on the programme – they may decide that they need to withdraw their nomination / agreement at any time. You should discuss any questions you have in relation to this before you take up a place on the programme.
- Once offered a place on the programme we will send you a local timetable and further programme information.
- Your place on the programme is subject to your employers providing a suitable placement away from your work base as agreed by the University and a suitable practice assessor, who must attend the required PA training.
- As you are required to attend all taught sessions on the programme and complete a Minimum of 45 practice placement days, you must not have any commitments that will affect this and if you are concerned you should discuss this during the selection process.



Guidance for Pre-Interview task

- An analysis (approximately 2 typed sides of A4) of one of your observations of an AMHP conducting an assessment under the Mental Health Act.
- Please analyse the situation from your impression of the perspective of each person involved in the process (eg service user, carer(s), doctors, AMHP).
- You should demonstrate a critical understanding of the dilemmas faced by the AMHP in relation to their role and how these were resolved.
- Please anonymise the details to maintain confidentiality and provide references to show relevant reading.
- This case will then be discussed with you at interview and will be used to assist the decision-making for whether you are suitable for AMHP training and can work at the required level.

A selection of suggested reading for course preparation / application task

Bartlett, P. and Sandland, R., 2013. *Mental health law: policy and practice*. 4th Edition. Oxford: Open University Press.

Beckett, C. and Maynard, A., 2017. *Values and ethics in social work* (3rd Edition). London: Sage.

Bogg, D., 2010. *Values and ethics in mental health practice*. Exeter: Learning Matters.

Fernando, S., 2010. *Mental health, race and culture*. 3rd edition. London: Palgrave.

Golightley, M. and Goemans, R., 2020. *Social work and mental health* (7th Edition) London: Learning Matters.

Matthews, S., O'Hare, P. and Hemmington, J. eds., 2014. *Approved mental health practice. Essential themes for students and practitioners*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Rogers, A. and Pilgrim, D., 2014. *A Sociology of mental health and illness*. 5th edition. Maidenhead: Open University Press.

Tew, J., 2011. *Social approaches to mental distress*. London: Palgrave Macmillan.