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AMHPs: Celebrating, Developing and Supporting the Workforce

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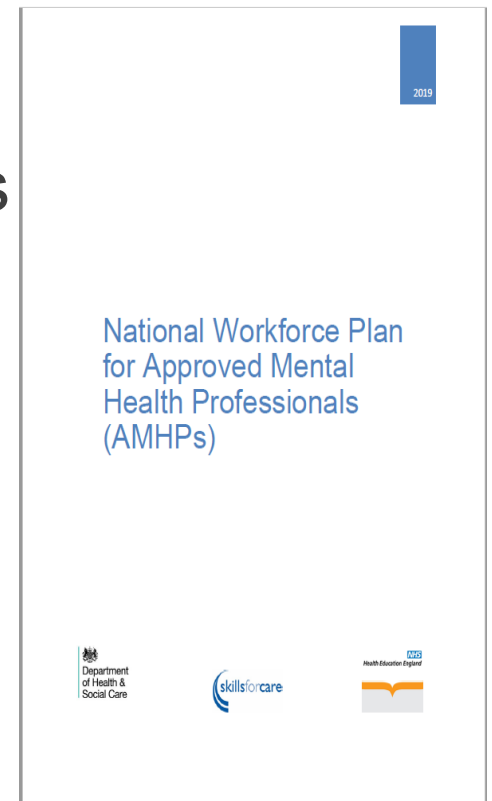
The NHS Long Term Plan



Social Work England

The AMHP Workforce Plan

- AMHP Workforce Plan
 - National guidance on the development, support and workforce needs of AMHPs
 - Includes draft AMHP Standards
 - Includes draft AMHP competencies
- Supports LAs, NHS Trusts and Social Work England in supporting AMHPs



Support for AMHPs in the Mental Health Act Review

- MHA was very supportive of AMHPs:
 - Enhanced role for AMHPs in the CTO
 - New criteria for admission under s2 and s3
 - Social Work role in care and treatment plans for CYP, MH, LD and stat discharge plans
 - Development of forensic role and social supervision
 - AMHP training and regulations to be reviewed
 - S12 Dr availability recommendations
 - S140 agreements strengthened
 - Conveyance standards

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HEE New Roles in Mental Health group

- Social Work one of 8 key professions in MH. Recommendations:
 - Guidance supporting SWs employed in the NHS
 - New leadership and development recommendations
 - Cross agency support for the AMHP workforce
 - Cross agency support for the Forensic SW workforce
 - Roles:
 - ❖ Named SW role
 - ❖ Specialist community SW role
 - ❖ Development of social supervisor role
 - ❖ Development of approved clinician role


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Developments supporting the AMHP role

- New Guidance for NHS Trusts employing Social Workers
- Social Work for Better Mental Health is working with over 60 areas to support MHSW exploring new models of integration
- DHSC MH workforce planning now includes MH SW
- Green Paper for Prevention and Social Care
- NHS Long Term Plan
 - Community MH Framework
 - New models of Crisis and Urgent Care
 - Workforce Planning with Health Education England