

**Royal Greenwich Mental Health
Centralised Approved Mental Health Professional Team
Service Profile**

Social Worker-Approved Mental Health Professional

Service Description:

The Central AMHP Team provides a single point of access to all requests for assessment under the Mental Health Act 1983 (amended 2007). This incorporates all age ranges as well as those who may already be receiving mental health input from specialist services, such as Children and Mental Health Services, Community Learning Disability Services and Older Peoples Services.

The aim of the team is to provide a timely response and a clear management framework for the delivery of a service to people who are experiencing a mental health crisis and are assessed to be in need of either additional support in the community or admission to hospital. In each individual situation the objective is to ensure that the least restrictive and most appropriate intervention is pursued through a multi-disciplinary approach to risk assessment and risk management. In supporting strengths based approach towards the recovery philosophy of mental health practice, where appropriate all requests for assessments under the Act will be approached in a planned and considered way through continued partnership working with community teams, external services and community networks.

Service Provision

In accordance with the Mental Health Act 1983 (amended 2007), to undertake the duties and responsibilities placed on Approved Mental Health Professionals in England. The Mental Health (Approved Mental Health Professionals) (Approval) (England) Regulations 2008 and Greenwich AMHP Policies lays out detailed guidance and procedures on the professional competencies and requirements associated with the AMHP role within Royal Greenwich Mental Health Service.

Some of the key functions that the AMHP will be expected to undertake relates to the following activities:

- To safeguard the rights of service users and carers who come into contact within any aspect of this service.
- Assessment under the Mental Health Act for compulsory admission to hospital, acceptance into Guardianship, the making and administration of Community Treatment Orders and displacement of a 'Nearest Relative'.

- To give consideration to use of the Mental Capacity Act (2005) in order to protect those who lack capacity and to enable them to take part, as much as possible in decisions that affect them.
- The preparation and presentation of social circumstances reports for the court, manager's hearings, mental health review tribunals and ministry of justice reports in respect of service users who are subject to part 3 of the Mental Health Act 1983 (amended 2007).
- Whilst not holding a case load the post holder would be expected to hold and undertake projects and pieces of work which are complex in nature (i.e. Care Act assessments, carers' assessments, safeguarding enquiries, complex placement reviews).
- To undertake work as a Practice Assessor for professionals training as AMHPs and student social workers undertaking professional social work training or on the Assessed and Supported Year in Employment, as directed by the Team Manager.
- To provide professional supervision and leadership to social workers across Royal Greenwich community mental health teams, as directed by the Team Manager.
- To undertake all of the above duties in conjunction with Royal Greenwich and Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust policies and procedures and the post holders core contract as a social worker.

Hours of operation

All AMHPs employed as part of this team will be expected to undertake shift work on a rota basis. The hours of operation are:

- Monday to Friday, Day time service 9 am to 5.00 pm
- Monday to Friday, Out of hours, 4 pm to 9 am (ending midnight on Fridays)

Standby and call-out arrangements Saturday/Sunday/Bank Holidays

To maintain services Royal Greenwich Mental Health Service requires that all AMHPs in the team will be required to respond to calls outside of their normal working day (on a pro rata basis). AMHPs covering the hours stated below will be required to answer all calls and respond accordingly. **For this aspect of the role the AMHP will receive the additional set standby/call-out fee.**

- Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays on-call service, 9am to 9pm and 9pm to 9am.