



## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Approved Mental Health Professionals***

#### **Request:**

I am writing to you on behalf of Community Care, the online magazine for social workers.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following information on Approved Mental Health Professionals (AMHPs) working for your local authority.

1. How many Approved Mental Health Professionals did the council have warranted to carry out Mental Health Act duties on its behalf on (or the nearest possible date - please specify): 1 April 2016, 1 April 2017, and 30 September 2017. **Please note, I am asking for the actual number of AMHPs warranted, not a full-time equivalent number.**

01/04/16 =16

01/04/17 =16

30/09/17 =18

2. Please specify how many AMHPs currently undertake the role on a full-time basis?

There are not currently any full-time dedicated AMHPs. There is currently one agency dedicated AMHP, and a .5 permanent dedicated AMHP in the service. For all others AMHP is part of their duties.

3. If possible, please provide a breakdown of how many AMHPs in your local authority/mental health NHS trust are a) social workers b) mental health or learning disability nurses c) psychologists and d) occupational therapists?

All AMHPs are social workers.

4. Between 1 April 2016 and 30 September 2017, did your local authority undertake any analysis of whether it has sufficient numbers of AMHPs in post? If yes, please attach a copy of this report(s).

N/A