

SPECIFIED FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES

SERVICE AREA	Adults Safeguarding
FUNCTION	Approved Mental Health Professionals (AMHPS)
SERVICE TREATMENT	Host
HOST / LEAD AUTHORITY	North Northamptonshire Council (“NNC”)
RECEIVING AUTHORITY	West Northamptonshire Council (“WNC”)

1. FUNCTION / SERVICE SCOPE

- 1.1 The provision of AMHP (the ‘Service’) across Northamptonshire for both Children and Adults. The Service helps individuals who require an assessment or treatment in hospital for a period of time and cannot agree to this.
- 1.2 The AMHP is a statutory role delivered pursuant to the Mental Health Act (2007) and its Code of Practice. The Local Authority is legally responsible for the Service.
- 1.3 AMHPs lead the inter agency organisation of statutory mental health assessments under the Mental Health Act 1983 and are authorised to detain under the Act.
- 1.4 AMHPS exercise additional duties and powers under the Act in respect of community treatment orders, guardianship, applications to court to displace a Nearest Relative (NR), or taking over the NR role.

2. STAFFING**2.1 Table 1 showing breakdown of NNC Staff**

Roles	Employment Type	Staff Count
APPROVED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS - NNC		
TEAM MANAGER	Permanent	1
SUBSTANTIVE AMHP TEAM MEMBERS	Permanent	6
ADMIN STAFF	Permanent	1
EDT AMHPS	Permanent	4

NON SUBSTANTIVE AMHPS	Permanent	8
HEALTH EMPLOYED AMHPS		3

2.1.1 There will be eight members of staff undertaking substantive posts in the Host Authority (NNC), that will provide the Services on a sessional basis on behalf of the Host and Receiver Authority, (non-substantive AMHPS).

2.1.2 Receiver Authority Staff delivering the Services

2.1.2.1 A number of staff are employed by WNC and are practising AMHPS and will contribute to the delivery of the Services on a rota basis. They will remain employed by WNC but will have a Variation to Contract to enable them to undertake occasional duty work for the delivery of the AMHP Service.

2.2 Locations for delivery of the Service

2.2.1 Host Authority – NNC

3. IT & INFORMATION GOVERNANCE

3.1 IT systems used by the Service – Eclipse, Carefirst, Care store and NHFT. All members of the team will require access to both North and West instances of Eclipse, Care first and Care store

3.2 Date Processor Agreement - See Appendix 1

4. ASSETS / PREMISES

4.1 Plans are ongoing to accommodate the team within the NHFT Mental Health Hub at Rushden – the current base is Olympus House Northampton for daytime services and Criminal Justice Centre Northampton/Home for EDT staff.

5. REPORTING, MONITORING AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

5.1 Service Reporting and Monitoring Requirements

5.1.1 The Service delivers in accordance with national and local reporting requirements and statutory KPI's.

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

None