

Accredited Registers Programme

Notification of Change

Summary of proposed changes

Notification of change from: The British Psychological Society

Once accredited any relevant changes that a register wishes to make will need to be assessed by the Authority to ensure ongoing compliance with the [Standards for Accredited Registers](#). Part of this assessment includes a review of information received from anyone sharing their experience. Below is a summary of the proposed changes for consideration.

Summary of Proposed Changes	<p>The British Psychological Society (BPS) is a charity registered in England and Wales (company number 229642), and a charity registered in Scotland, (company number SC039452).</p> <p>The BPS is a professional body for psychologists in the United Kingdom, who do not hold statutory regulation. They support psychologists and the wider psychological professions. The BPS represents and promotes psychology and psychologists, providing a range of resources, events and support for its members. The BPS is involved in accrediting psychology education and training programmes, setting professional standards and advocating for the field of psychology.</p> <p>The BPS currently operates a range of registers, however, only the Wider Psychological Workforce Register (WPW) is a part of the Accredited Registers Programme. The WPW Register includes people who work in psychological practitioner roles and associate psychologist roles. These roles are not regulated by law, but the training and scope of the roles have been developed between the BPS and the NHS.</p> <p>WPW Registered Roles include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner (PWP) • Children's Wellbeing Practitioner (CWP) • Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP) • Clinical Associate in Applied Psychology Scotland (CAAP); and • Clinical Associate in Psychology (CAP). <p>The BPS have submitted a Notification of Change for inclusion of the Mental Health and Wellbeing Practitioner (MHPW) on the WPW Register.</p>
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	<p>This role is designed to address the growing need for mental health services to provide a structured pathway for professionals specialising in mental health.</p> <p>Mental Health and Wellbeing Practitioners: Mental Health and Wellbeing practitioners work alongside multi-disciplinary teams to support the coordination of care, supporting collaborative decision-making about care and treatment. They will also deliver a set of wellbeing-focused psychologically-informed interventions, aligned to cognitive behavioural principles, based on the best available evidence, that addresses problems often experienced by those with severe mental health challenges.</p> <p>Their work includes working with carers and families as appropriate, to enable connectedness and informal support. Shared decision-making and interventions are underpinned by generic therapeutic competences within the NICE-recommended interventions for severe mental health problems.</p> <p>The NHS is committed to the expansion and development of the MHWP role as a key element of a well-balanced approach to planning the future psychological practitioner workforce and recognises the accreditation of their training as an important step in ensuring client safety and in the professionalisation of the role.</p> <p>Registration of MHWPs will demonstrate a practitioner's commitment to their area of practice and that they have the necessary knowledge, skills and experience to practice, and are working within the scope of practice for their role, under appropriate supervision.</p> <p>For employers, registration of MHWPs gives confidence that competency, high standards and safe practice are maintained through fitness to practise standards and continuing professional development. As with the other psychological practitioner roles on the register, it is the intention of the NHSE that they will require registration of MHWPs for employment in the role. This will act as an appropriate oversight mechanism to ensure competency and professional standards.</p> <p>New risks arising from the MHWP role have been considered by the BPS in conjunction with NHSE. Any risks presented to service users and the public are set out in the BPS' Risk Register.</p> <p>In summary, the proposed changes aim to enhance the registration process and ensure that the BPS can effectively support the growing demand for mental health services. The introduction of the Mental</p>
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	Health Wellbeing Practitioner role is a significant step towards achieving this goal.
Main standards which may be affected	Standards One, Two, Three, Four, Five, Six, Seven and Eight.
Proposed Timescales	The BPS aims to launch the MHWP role for inclusion on the WPW Register on 30 June 2025.