

PSYCHOLOGICAL PROFESSIONS



Current psychological professions vacancies in the NHS. ^[1]



Skills and qualities needed
You'll need a variety of skills, including a knowledge of psychological theory, an interest in how people think and behave and the ability to relate to a wide range of people including patients and colleagues. You'll need to be patient and sympathetic. ^[2]



Psychological professions include high-intensity therapists, **psychologists**, psychological well-being practitioners, counsellors and **psychotherapists**. Other roles that can work as part of the psychological professions team include social workers, occupational therapists, **psychiatrists**, art, drama and music **therapists**. ^[3]



STARTING PAY FOR TRAINEES
£30,401

Starting salary for trainee **high intensity therapists** in the NHS is typically Agenda for Change band 6 **£30,401** outside London. ^[4]



Entry requirements
Applicants for posts as assistant clinical psychologists usually need a degree in psychology, recognised by the British Psychological Society. A psychological wellbeing practitioner (PWP) apprenticeship is an opportunity for people without a degree to undertake PWP training. ^[5]

'What they say'

"I'm really happy with my career choice and I wouldn't want to do any other job in the world!" ^[6]

Peter Beazley,
(head of secure services inpatient psychology consultant clinical psychologist)



24,340 practitioner psychologists are registered with the Health and Care Professions Council, (including forensic, counselling, health, clinical and other psychologists). ^[7]



There are **33 university** professional training courses for clinical psychology. ^[8]



Working week for a counsellor in the NHS is typically
37.5 hours ^[5]

Facts and figures taken from: [1] www.jobs.nhs.uk (10/5/19) [2] www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/assistant-clinical-psychologist [3] www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/psychological-therapies [4] www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/highintensitytherapist [5] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/psychological-therapies/roles/counsellor> [6] www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/PeterBeazley [7] At April 2019 www.hcpc-uk.org/globalassets/resources/data/2019/registrant-snapshot---april-2019.pdf [8] www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/coursefinder