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| DATES OF TRAINING  **Academic**  The academic training runs over 6 months with a different module being delivered monthly starting September (2022), November, December, January and ending February (2023).  **Placement**  Placements will take place over 40 days before June 2023  **Final submission**  Each module requires an essay. There will also be a law exam. A portfolio for placement will be required May 2023. | |  | WHAT IS AN APPROVED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL  Approved Mental Health Professionals (AMHP’s) work on behalf of local authorities to carry out a variety of functions under the Mental Health Act (MHA). This includes assessments for admission to hospital under section 2 and 3 of the Act as well as assessments for people to be treated under the Mental Health Act in the community, through the use of Community Treatment Order’s or Guardianship. In conducting these assessments, the AMHP must have regard for people’s Human Rights and ensure their strengths are celebrated in a recovery focused style. The AMHP must use their knowledge, skills and values to explore alternatives to detention in hospital.  As an AMHP you will apply your knowledge of the guiding principles, to ensure individuals are respected and promote choice and control within their treatment plans. AMHPs need a clear understanding of local and national policies and how these impact on people experiencing mental distress. There will also be direct links with other legislation such as the Children Act (1989 and 2004), Human Rights Act, (1998) and the Mental Capacity Act (2005). |

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|  |  | COURSE INFORMATION  Cumbria County Council is this year joining with colleagues based in North Yorkshire to access Approved Mental Health Professional training provided by the University of Central Lancashire. The academic modules will be delivered online with trainees accessing placements as part of the programme.  Throughout the training you will be supported to develop your knowledge in relation to:   * Research which informs decision making when working with people who have a mental disorder, * Reflecting on the values and ethical dilemmas faced when working with people who have a mental disorder and consider policy and law alongside this. |
| FUTURE RESPONSABILITIES  On successful completion of AMHP training you will receive your warrant. You will be required to maintain continued professional development and records for your AMHP role. You will be required to present evidence every 5 years to allow you to apply to renew your warrant to practice. |  |  |
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|  | HOW TO APPLY  To apply you must hold an accredited professional degree and have a minimum of 2 years post qualification prior to commencing.  The application process is currently live. To avoid disappointment early applications are encouraged from a range of backgrounds such as Social Workers, Occupational Therapist, Nurses and psychologists working in the fields of Learning Disabilities, Children’s Services, Mental Health and Adult Social Care.  You should express your interest by submitting a reflective piece of 500-800 words to [julie.stables@cumbria.gov.uk](mailto:julie.stables@cumbria.gov.uk). This should highlight your values and explain why you would like to become an AMHP, along with the skills and experience you could bring to the role.  Please can you also confirm that you have your manager’s support to be considered. There are funds available for agency staff to backfill your post during your placement. |