

I kindly request your assistance retrieving the following information. The information is to clarify the implementation of The Mental Health (Approved Mental Health Professionals) (Approval) (England) Regulations 2008 reg.5.

Re-Approval Statistics

1. Over the past five years, how many Approved Mental Health Professionals (AMHPs) applied for re-approval in your council?

30

2. Of those applications, how many were successful, and how many were not?

30 – successful 0 – unsuccessful

Reasons for Non-Approval

3. For AMHPs who were not re-approved, what were the primary reasons?

- Lack of required training hours
- Failure to demonstrate necessary competencies
- o Professional conduct issues
- Other (please specify)

N/A

Support and Remediation

4. Does your council offer support or remediation plans for AMHPs who are at risk of not being reapproved? If so, please describe these programs.

Yes. We provide professional supervision every 9 weeks for all AMHPS. We have a monthly AMHP Forum with the AMHP reapproval as a standard agenda item. 1:1 session with AMHP Lead is offered. AMHPs are required to submit the annual training requirements. We also gather information relating to supervision sessions and MHA activity annually.

Appeal Process

5. Is there an established appeal process for AMHPs who are denied re-approval? If yes, how many appeals have been made in the past five years, and what were their outcomes?

No current process. AMHP reapproval policy will be reviewed in January 2025 to include an appeal process.

Impact on Workforce

6. How does the council address potential shortages in AMHP staffing due to non-approvals? Are there strategies in place to mitigate any negative impacts on service delivery?

This is not currently as issue in Wigan. Wigan is committed to an ongoing AMHP training program of recruiting 6 candidates on an annual basis.