

# AP Ambassador

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AP Job description Available on request – Y/N	Yes
AP scope of practice available on request – Y/N	Yes
Role and Impact of AP within service area:	Enhancing and developing specialist skills in an autism support team. Identifying physical health difficulties in service users and those unable/unwilling to attend medical /health appointments. Looking to develop a role where the AP will deliver baseline physical health measures and the possibility of using these at some point as research/impact measures.
Good Practice:	Identify the specialist role before you start and think about what benefits the role will bring to the service.
Suggestions /Tips when developing the AP role	Be organized! If the TAP is an existing member of staff, think about how you will cover the role/duties whilst the student attends university, and when planning practice learning opportunities. Put time aside to meet regularly with the TAP to talk about progress or concerns, as this can impact on clinical work and studies.