

Assistant Practitioner Role

GP Practice

The Assistant Practitioner (AP) role refers to a band 4 or equivalent practitioner working within a health and social care setting who undertakes more advanced and complex skills and procedures beyond that of a traditional support worker.

The role can be developed to meet the needs of the service by working within agreed protocols to enable the AP to perform tasks previously only within the remit of registered practitioners.

The AP role is clearly identified within Agenda for Change and Skills for Health Career Framework which supports the development of building capacity and capability within the area.

Assistant Practitioners within GP Services are undertaking a wide variety of different skills and are having great benefit to the service. Some of these skills and benefits are listed below

Health checks	Weight management clinics
Smoking cessation clinics	Annual learning disability reviews
Baby clinics	Physiological measurement
Ear irrigation	Assist in minor operation procedures
ECG recording	Venepuncture
Spirometry	24 hour ambulatory BP
Vaccinations	Long term disease management
COPD reviews	CHD reviews
Diabetic reviews	Diabetic foot checks
Health Promotion sessions	Memory services