

Assistant Practitioner Role

Paediatric Therapy Services

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.

The Paediatric Therapy AP works under the guidance and direction of qualified Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists & Speech and Language Therapists to complete specified tasks.

The role includes:

- Assist in all aspects of therapy assessment and treatment process
- Order, process and check equipment prescribed by qualified therapists
- Technical and creative skills to assist in the provision of therapeutic activities for individual and groups of patients
- Responsibility for managing own workload
- Work in the community as a lone worker during the assessment process
- Clerical and administrative duties related to the therapy interventions undertaken