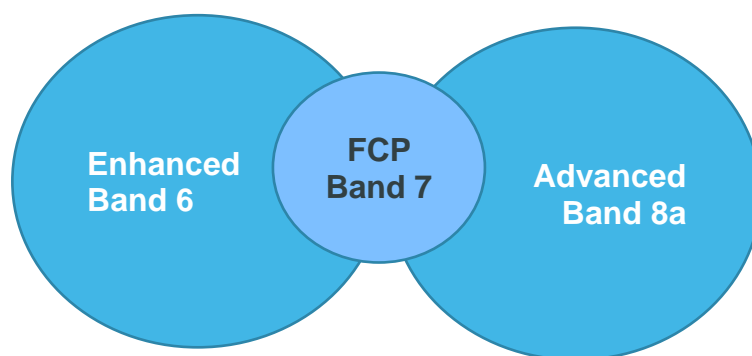


# First Contact Practitioner - NW



- ✓ A First Contact Practitioner (FCP) is a diagnostic clinician working in Primary Care at the top of their clinical scope of practice at Agenda for Change Band 7 (see 1.3) or equivalent and above. This allows the FCP to be able to assess and manage undifferentiated and undiagnosed presentations.
- ✓ It is the minimum threshold for working as a first point of contact with undifferentiated undiagnosed conditions in Primary Care. With additional training, FCPs can build towards advanced practice.
- ✓ To become an FCP, recognition is required through Health Education England, whereby a clinician must have completed a taught or portfolio route.
- ✓ FCPs refer patients to GPs for the medical management of patient presentations and pharmacology outside their agreed scope of practice
- ✓ FCPs work at master's level (QAA level 7 see 1.4) in their clinical pillar of practice but have not yet reached an advanced level in all four pillars of practice to be verified at AP level across all four pillars.
- ✓ The clinician must typically have 3-5 years post preceptorship experience before starting primary care training to become an FCP.

## Who will be eligible for this 2-day supervisor training course?

To be eligible for the FCP roadmap supervisor training course, you need to be:

- ✦ an FCP/AP in primary care with a full post registration postgraduate Master's degree (UK QAA level 7); or
- ✦ a clinician holding a full post registration postgraduate Master's degree; or
- ✦ a Consultant AHP/Nurse holding a full post registration postgraduate Master's degree; or
- ✦ a GP, GP Trainer or medical doctor working in Primary Care;
- ✦ have a full membership of MACP and working as FCP or AP (irrespective of a full Master's degree)

## Do I have to pay for the course?

No, the 2-day training course is free for eligible applicants, funded by HEE.

## What is the structure of the course?

Each course consists of day 1 and day 2, six-hours per day. In order to complete the training and be a HEE recognised FCPs and APs supervisor, you are required to complete both training days in the same month.

The 2-day course consists of a combination of lecture presentations, discussion, interactive activity and regular breaks. This will be delivered via a virtual platform, Zoom or Teams. Once your application is accepted, you will also be sent some recommended pre-course reading, to enable you to enjoy and make the most of your training.

## What does it mean when I successfully completed the 2-day course?

When you have completed the 2-day course, you will be put on a list of recognised HEE FCP-AP supervisors regionally, which will be transferred to and held on a directory at HEE's Centre of Advancing Practice.

When you become a recognised supervisor, you will be responsible for providing supervision and support to clinicians wishing to pursue a career as FCPs/APs, or existing FCPs/APs in Primary Care. You, your trainee and employer have the shared responsibility and accountability to allocate protected time for the different types of supervision, providing constructive feedback, debriefing, verifying a portfolio of evidence and carrying out workplace-based assessment (WPBA).

Further information, updates and FAQs can be found on the new landing page of HEE via:

<https://www.hee.nhs.uk/our-work/allied-health-professions/enable-workforce/roadmaps-practice>