

SCHEDULE 2

Matters to be taken into account to determine competence

4. Key Competence Area 4: Application of Skills: Working in Partnership

4. Whether the applicant has the ability to—
 - (a) articulate, and demonstrate in practice, the social perspective on mental disorder and mental health needs;
 - (b) communicate appropriately with and establish effective relationships with patients, relatives, and carers in undertaking the AMHP role;
 - (c) articulate the role of the AMHP in the course of contributing to effective inter-agency and inter-professional working;
 - (d) use networks and community groups to influence collaborative working with a range of individuals, agencies and advocates;
 - (e) consider the feasibility of and contribute effectively to planning and implementing options for care such as alternatives to compulsory admission, discharge and aftercare;
 - (f) recognise, assess and manage risk effectively in the context of the AMHP role;
 - (g) effectively manage difficult situations of anxiety, risk and conflict, and an understanding of how this affects the AMHP and other people concerned with the patient's care;
 - (h) discharge the AMHP role in such a way as to empower the patient as much as practicable;
 - (i) plan, negotiate and manage compulsory admission to hospital or arrangements for supervised community treatment;
 - (j) manage and co-ordinate effectively the relevant legal and practical processes including the involvement of other professionals as well as patients, relatives and carers, and
 - (k) balance and manage the competing requirements of confidentiality and effective information sharing to the benefit of the patient and other persons concerned with the patient's care.