

Paramedics – Advanced Paramedic Practitioners

Description of role/core responsibilities
Indicative Agenda for Change Band 6

Advanced paramedic practitioners work autonomously within the community, using their enhanced clinical assessment and treatment skills, to provide first point of contact for patients presenting with undifferentiated, undiagnosed problems relating to minor illness or injury, abdominal pains, chest pains and headaches.

Advanced Paramedic Practitioners will have a key role in supporting delivery of the new Network Contract DES Service specifications.

The following sets out the key role responsibilities for advanced paramedic practitioners:

- a. They will assess and triage patients, including same day triage, and as appropriate provide definitive treatment (including prescribing medications following policy, patient group directives, NICE (national) and local clinical guidelines and local care pathways) or make necessary referrals to other members of the primary care team.
- b. They will advise patients on general healthcare and promote self-management where appropriate, including signposting patients to other community or voluntary services.
- c. They will be able to:
 - perform specialist health checks and reviews;
 - perform and interpret ECGs;
 - perform investigatory procedures as required, and
 - undertake the collection of pathological specimens including intravenous , blood samples, swabs etc.
- d. They will support the delivery of 'anticipatory care plans' and lead certain community services (e.g. monitoring blood pressure and diabetes risk of elderly patients living in sheltered housing)
- e. They will provide an alternative model to urgent and same day GP home visit for the network and undertake clinical audits.
- f. They will communicate at all levels across organisations ensuring that an effective, patient-centred service is delivered.
- g. They will communicate proactively and effectively with all colleagues across the multi-disciplinary team, attending and contributing to meetings as required.
They will maintain accurate and contemporaneous health records appropriate to the consultation, ensuring accurate completion of all necessary documentation associated with patient health care and registration with the practice.