### Health Psychology





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### Health Psychology . . .

- is the application of psychological theory, methods and research to health, physical illness and health care:
- Health promotion / maintenance health behaviour change
- Psychological effects of physical ill-health



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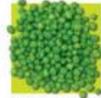
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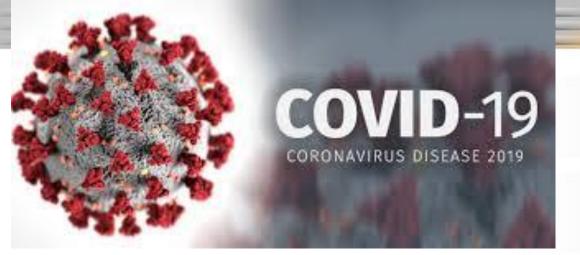
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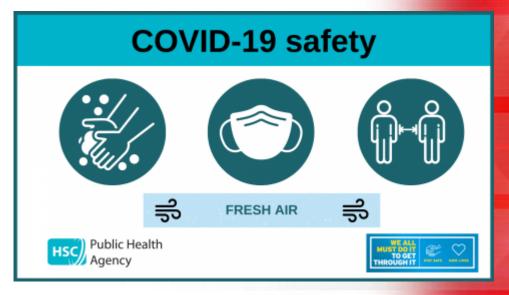


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## Why is Health Psychology important?

Psychological and behavioural factors play a major role in the promotion and maintenance of health and well-being:

- e.g. coronary heart disease (stress reduction, lifestyle changes)
- e.g. diabetes (weight management, adherence to medication regimes)
- e.g. lung cancer (smoking cessation programmes)
  - e.g. STDs (promotion of safe sex behaviour)

#### What do Health Psychologists do?

- One-to-one and group client work with physically unwell patients in clinical settings
- Development of healthcare policy at local, regional, national, and international levels
- Health promotion in the community and in organisations
- Training in psychology for health professionals and the education of trainee health psychologists
- Development of effective interventions through research

### Becoming a Health Psychologist

- It is necessary to have an accredited degree (or equivalent) in psychology (recognised by BPS/PSI)
- Must complete a period of postgraduate training of at least 3 years
- Health Psychologists in the UK are regulated by the Health and Care Professions Council
- Professional representation via Division of Health Psychology, BPS/PSI

# Route to Registered Health Psychologist

- Stage 1 MSc certifies academic knowledge base.
- Stage 2 at least 2 years supervised practice - professional competence, research, consultancy, teaching and training and delivery of psychological interventions.

## MSc Courses – leading to Stage 1

 31 accredited courses in England, Scotland and Wales:

https://portal.bps.org.uk/Accredited-Courses

Ireland
 Ulster University – distance learning
 Galway

## Doctoral Level Courses – leading to Stage 2

Scotland: Glasgow (Glasgow Caledonian), Stirling

England: Liverpool (Liverpool John Moores),

Southampton, Staffordshire (Staffordshire), Bristol

(West of England), Guildford (Surrey)

NHS funded places available

Galway

Independent Route

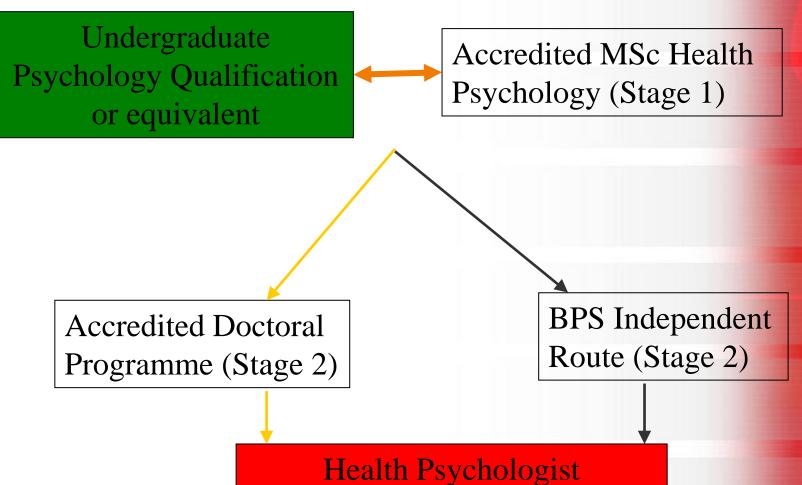
BPS - <a href="https://www.bps.org.uk/qualification-health-psychology-stage-2">https://www.bps.org.uk/qualification-health-psychology-stage-2</a>

### Pay

- NHS Grades: approx. £41,659 £91,787
- Training: £33,706

University Grades (PhD required): approx.
 £38,592 – £101,669

### Summary



#### **Useful Links**

BPS Health Psychology:

https://www.bps.org.uk/membernetworks/division-health-psychology

PSI Division of Health Psychology

https://www.psychologicalsociety.ie/groups/ Division-of-Health-Psychology



