

HEE Webinar: International Recruitment of AHPs and their experiences

 #InternationalAHP

Co-producing our future support for ethical and sustainable international recruitment of Allied Health Professionals (AHPs)

Tuesday 25th January 2022 - 12.00- 13.30

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Introduction

- Housekeeping & support
- Purpose
- Overview & quick recap
- Case study
- Discussion / polling
- Close (by 13.30)

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Purpose of today...

These webinars are about bringing together current AHP international recruits and employers to:

- Hear real examples of international recruits. Their experiences of coming to work in the UK.
- Gain views and ideas about how best to support the development of international recruitment of AHPs in England.
- Highlight key potential areas of development based on the experiences of international recruits and service employers.
- Gain consensus for future interventions over the course of next 12 months.

Planned for approx. an hour but have timetabled in for 1½ depending on the level of discussion.

International Recruitment of AHPs and their experiences

Overview

- Estimated shortfall of AHPs by 2024 is in region of 27,000.
- Growing recognition of the potential benefits of international recruitment of AHPs.
- New HCPC AHP registrations through the international recruitment route, fell in 2020 to about 5000 (COVID & Brexit), but are recovering in 2021 (up to about 8000 by November 21).
- Already well funded NHSEI Nursing / Medic programmes with national and regional based teams.
- Whilst recruitment processes will be similar, AHPs have particular issues that need consideration:
 - 4 professional groups, and low ethnic diversity baseline.
 - No similar international recognition of profession &/or training
 - Limited knowledge of global markets to indicate “surplus” or suitable trained professionals to ensure ethical practices.
 - Smaller numbers required overall and per organisation.
 - Limited wrap-around support for the long term.

Webinar1 (18th Jan 2022): Key points in summary

Polling results –Deepak will talk through.

Additional comments / themes in the chat during webinar:

- Widespread praise for the lived experience of Philip and his journey –brought issues to life for many in the webinar.
- Recognition of the complexity of the process for both employers and recruits, and a wide breadth of knowledge & experience across all parties:
 - a) Would be benefits in streamlining process, utilising leadership at system level;
 - b) Would be benefit to do this at scale and in collaboration across organisations;
 - c) There is lots to learn from nursing colleagues who are doing this at scale, particularly around on-boarding / pastoral support / cultural adaptation;
 - d) Recruits would benefit from support in application for registration & employment;
 - e) Greater accessibility (through differing channels) and awareness of the HCPC processes and timeframes would also help employers.

Health Education England

- Right numbers , Right skills, Right time
- Gap between education and employment
- Communication
- Relationship building.

1. During HCPC registration which of these options will be the most helpful?

- A. A guide on how to complete the HCPC registration based on the code of practice for each AHP.
- B. An official social media platform to answer queries.
- C. Option to pay HCPC fees in instalments.
- D. Next steps guide providing information about rights and responsibilities and how to seek employment.

Which of the options below would be most helpful to international AHPs undergoing HCPC registration?

A guide on how to register with HCPC that is based on the code of practice for each AHP 57%

An official social media platform to answer queries 14%

The option to pay HCPC fees in instalments [Your response](#) 15%

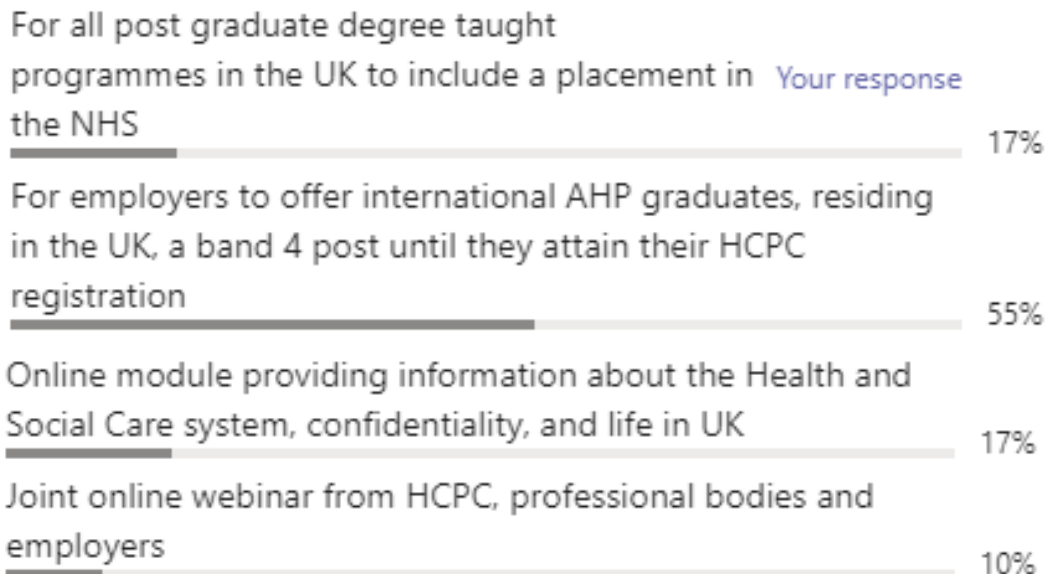
A Next Steps Guide; providing information about employment rights, responsibilities and how to seek

180 responses

2. To bridge the gap between education and employment which of the following options would be most useful:

- A. For all post graduate degree taught programmes in the UK to include a placement in the NHS.
- B. For employers to offer international AHP graduates, residing in the UK, a band 4 post until they attain their HCPC registration.
- C. Online module providing information about the Health and Social Care system, confidentiality, and life in UK.
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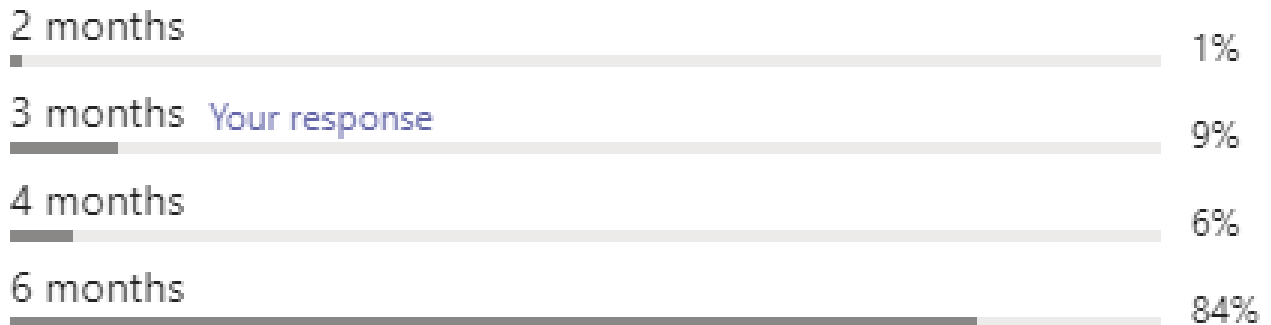


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3. How long should the international preceptorship programme run?

- A. 2 months
- B. 3 months
- C. 4 months
- D. 6 months

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Recruitment and preceptorship

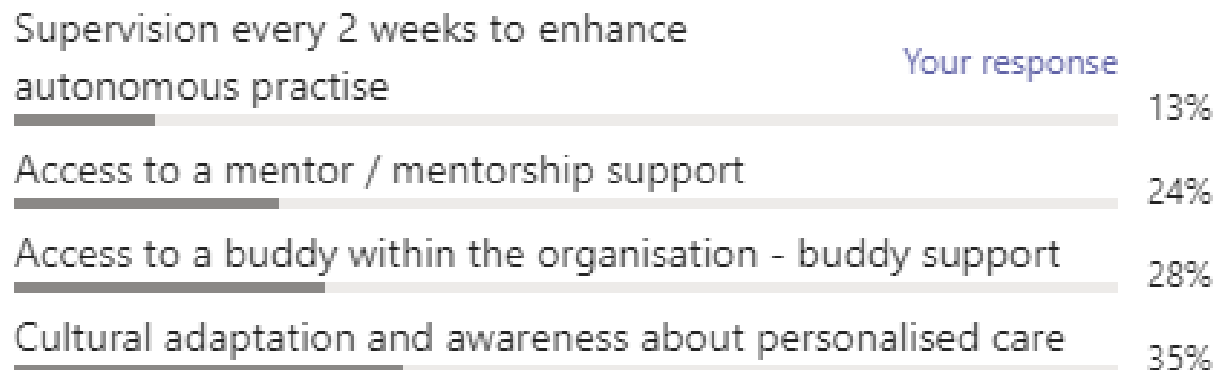
Case study

- Physiotherapist –currently in UK –Philippines
- Common themes: Information about NHS system, challenges with accommodation, family commitments
- Support in first 6 months –Personally and professionally
- Cultural aspect –Community
- Supervision, personal and professional support
- AHPs getting paid on time.

4. What would be most useful to include in the international preceptorship:

- A. 2 weekly supervision and development as an autonomous practitioner.
- B. Access to mentor.
- C. Access to buddy in the organisation.
- D. Cultural adaptation and awareness about personalised care.

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Lived experience

Fitness to practice referrals

Case study

- HCPC referrals
- Physiotherapist
- Locum work
- Common themes: NHS system knowledge, Lack of clinical placement

5. What would be most useful to help with reducing fitness to practice referrals to HCPC

- A. First six months free or reduced fee for the professional bodies' membership.
- B. Information about rights and responsibilities at time of HCPC registration.
- C. Appropriate clinical and managerial supervision.
- D. Access to mentor.

Recruitment

Case studies:

- Therapeutic radiographers
- NHS trust managers
- Interviews
- Autonomous practice
- Common themes:
 - HR barriers, Financial challenges, Visa issues

6. What would be most helpful to managers at NHS trusts and organisation to support IR AHPs.

- A. Support with accommodation, food, and finance in the first 3 months.
- B. Trust benchmarking template to self-assess and plan for resources.
- C. Managers guide to support International AHPS
- D. Support with the development of business case.
- E. Financial incentive to NHS trusts to support placement.

Retention and continuous professional development

- First 6 months
- Equality at work
- Career progression opportunities
- Secondment
- Common themes: lack of support, lack of awareness, financial challenges

7. What would help with retention of international AHPs.

- Equality in workplace and career progression opportunities
- CPD opportunities
- Flexible working
- Mentoring and coaching opportunities
- Cultural competence training

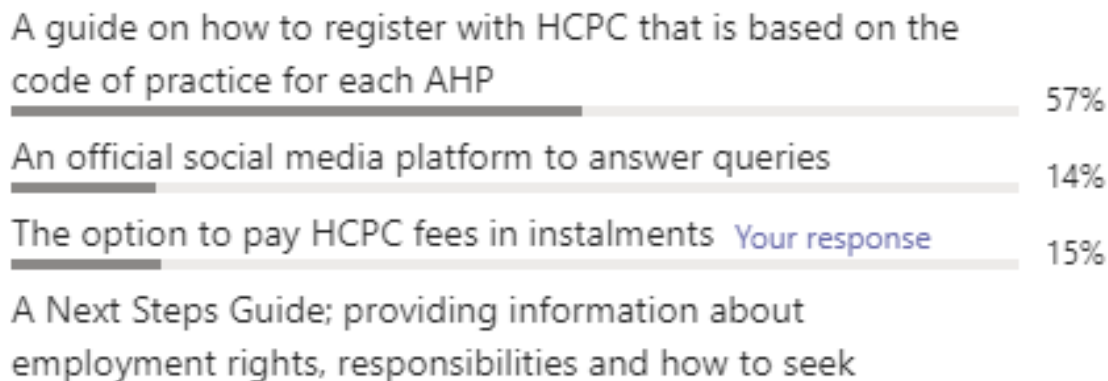
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- Recap of the questions and answers

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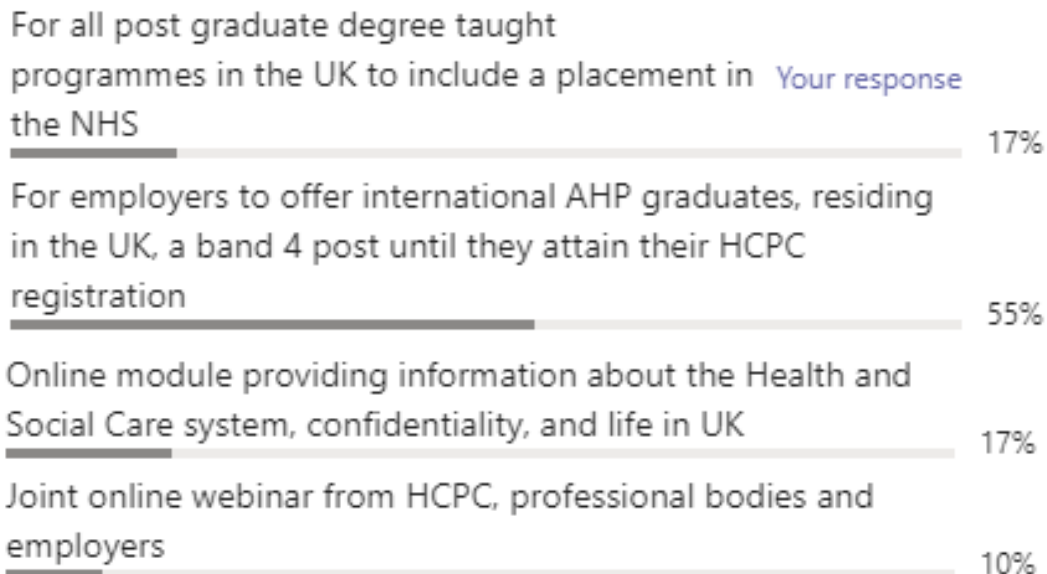


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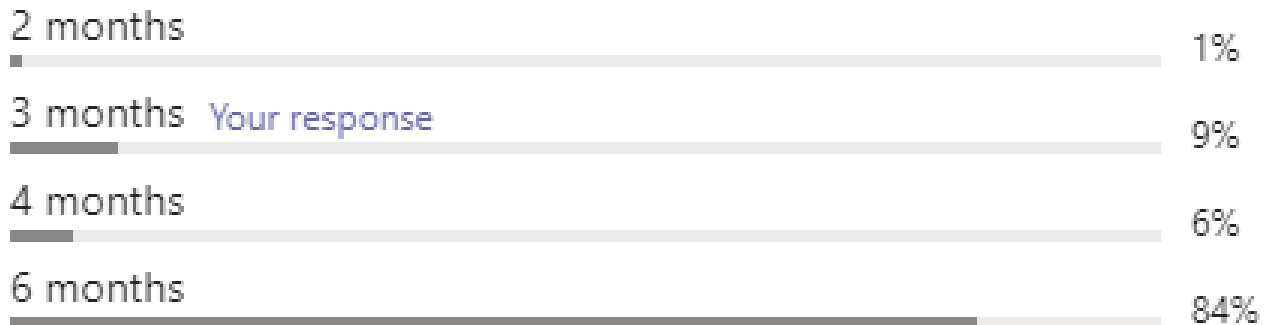


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Next steps

Focus on the development of the strategy

Action plan for next 12 months

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