

Newsletter 2023-2024



Clearing House for Postgraduate Courses in Clinical Psychology

A year in numbers....

We had 5,796 people apply for the 2024 intake to clinical psychology training: an increase of 12.3% on last year. Of these 5,603 people applied for NHS places and 264 people applied for self-funded places (including 71 people who applied for both types of places).

There were 1,164 NHS places for the 2024 intake. This compares with 1,166 places last year, and gives a success rate of 21%.

566 people took advantage of the discounted fee we offer to those applying by mid-October. And another 525 people took advantage of the option we offer to split their fee across 2 monthly payments.

Completion and employment rates for trainees

At the continued request of the clinical psychology programmes, we provide a central point for collecting data on training completion rates and employment of graduates.

The national non-completion rate for NHS clinical psychology trainees for the academic year 2022/2023 was only 0.7%, which includes all forms of non-completion. This is in line with the rates for the previous 10 years which were between 0.4% and 1.0% each year.

For people completing NHS training in 2023, of those who returned data 94.0% were employed as a clinical psychologist (or an equivalent post) within 12 months of graduating. This is in line with the rates for the previous 10 years which were between 92.0% and 97.0% each year.

Of those working as clinical psychologists (or an equivalent post) 98.6% were working in the NHS or in other public sector funded posts. This is a little higher than the rates for the previous 10 years which were between 92.3% and 98.2%.

Applicants for NHS Places

5,603

NHS Places

1,164

Success rate

21%

Non-Completion rate

0.7%

Clinical Psychologists

94.0%

***New for
this year***

Course specific questions

Course centres have asked us to add a Course Questions section to the Application, and our new website gives us the flexibility to build in this additional function.

The questions on the Application have always originated with course centres, but up till now all courses had to ask applicants to complete all of the questions provided.

In the new Course Questions section:

- ⇒ Each course centre can decide which questions it does or does not want applicants to answer in the new section.
- ⇒ Each question in the new section indicates which course centres have requested it.
- ⇒ Each course centre can only access the questions in the new section that it has requested.

Anyone who applied in the last 2 years, and wants to see any previous answers they gave to these questions, can Download a pdf of their old Application from the Previous Applications section.

***Thank you
for your
feedback***

Equal opportunities monitoring - review

We are in the process of reviewing the categories used in equal opportunities monitoring, to bring them up-to-date.

Thank you to everyone who has provided comments as part of the review, during the last application cycle. We are now considering the feedback received.

We aim to complete the review in the coming months, and update the categories for next year.

Watch this space...

**Reducing
the cost
for
applicants**

Fees reduced in 2024!

Our Board of Management spend time each year discussing the rates of our fees. We are aware that any consideration of the fees charged to applicants is sensitive, given both the important context of widening and increasing access to the profession of clinical psychology, and the ongoing cost of living.

We are pleased to announce a reduction in our fees this year.

Everyone who applies in 2024 will benefit from a reduced fee compared to last year.

⇒ The main fee has reduced by £5.00 to £35.00

⇒ The discounted fee for early application is now £20.00

We also offer the option to pay the full fee in two instalments. This allows applicants to spread the costs and choose to pay when it is more convenient for them.

**New for
this year**

Contextual admissions data now available

Thanks to the launch of our new website, we were able to incorporate the Contextual Admissions questions into the Application for the first time.

This has provided a robust dataset for the 2023 entry, which is now available to download from our website.

Making this data public reflects the wish of the clinical psychology training community to be open about the data and to make it available to applicants and to others who may find it useful e.g. for research.

This data is anonymised so no applicant is identified, and we also group together some categories with small numbers to maintain anonymity.

See the [About Us section](#) of our website for more information.



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The Clearing House works with 30 clinical psychology course centres around the UK providing a central point for information and an easy-to-use application system. We do not make decisions about who is successful at each stage of the selection process: this is done by the course centres, but we wish you the best of luck!

Each course centre provides details about their programme, which we publish on our website.

We are based at the University of Leeds and we are a non-profit educational charity (number 1200735), funded solely by the fees paid by applicants and course centres.

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