



British Association for Music Therapy  
British Association of Art Therapists  
British Association of Dramatherapists  
British Association and Royal College of Occupational  
Therapists  
The British Dietetic Association  
British Association of Prosthetists and Orthotists  
British and Irish Orthoptic Society  
Chartered Society of Physiotherapy  
College of Paramedics  
Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists  
Society of Chiropodists and Podiatrists  
Society and College of Radiographers

## **Introducing Allied Health Professions (AHPs) and AHP Federation Scotland**

**Allied Health Professions are** – in order of workforce size -

1. Paramedics
  2. Physiotherapists
  3. Occupational Therapists
  4. Radiographers
  5. Speech and Language Therapists
  6. Chiropodists and Podiatrists
  7. Dietitians
  8. Prosthetists and Orthotists
  9. Music Therapists
  10. Art Therapists
  11. Dramatherapists
  12. Orthoptists
- 11,851.5 WTE AHPs make up 13.2% of Scotland's health service work force on Agenda for Change bandings ranging from 5 to 9 including increasing numbers of AHP Advanced Practitioners and Consultants.

### **All AHPs are**

- honours or master degree level graduates
- regulated by the Health Care Professions Council (HCPC)
- enter the workforce as autonomous practitioners able to accept referrals, treat and discharge patients independent of medical practitioners
- able to act as “first point of contact clinicians” (other than radiographers).

### **AHPs do**

- ISD stats for 2017-18 report 5,190,083 AHP attendances just in outpatients. All community health and social care services need added to this but are unavailable.
- Apply both “medical” and “social” models of care.
- Provide diverse services in partnership with colleagues in physical and mental health; children and families and adult social care; pre-school, primary, secondary and tertiary education; employment; justice; sports and cultural services.
- Provide services at the level of the whole population; for “high risk”, vulnerable populations and for individuals through direct therapy and care.

**AHP Federation Scotland (AHPFS) is** the alliance of 12 allied health professional bodies. AHPFS purpose of is to enable the best health and wellbeing outcomes for the people of Scotland by ensuring the AHP potential is understood and utilised to the very best effect.

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