

## **Policy Officer attributes**

### Essential

- An understanding of regulatory frameworks relevant to Health Psychology in the UK and knowledge of how and where to access this information
- Ability to keep abreast of major policy developments relevant to Health Psychology in the UK and to effectively brief and support the DHP Chair (and others as requested by the Chair)
- Able to communicate professionally and effectively with health professionals, commissioners and policy makers.
- Ability to draft professional reports, guidelines and position papers
- Be able to work closely with the DHP Chair, to liaise with other sub-committee chairs and other BPS personnel (e.g. policy team, Division representatives) to support and promote the work of the DHP;
- Be committed to working to the goals of the DHP
- Ability to be released from work to attend (reasonable number) of meetings relating to this role over the term of office
- Committed and able to represent the variety of membership within the DHP
- Committed to uphold and maintain the highest standards for Health Psychology

### Desirable

- BPS Chartered Health Psychologist (or eligible)
- Experience of working in government departments and or NGOs
- Experience of influencing policy and strategy
- Experience of working with the DHP Committee
- An understanding of regulatory frameworks relevant to Health Psychology internationally
- Knowledge of the methods of interacting with and advising government bodies in relation to their strategy and consultations
- Existing links with government departments and or NGOs