

# Newsletter 2022-2023



## Clearing House for Postgraduate Courses in Clinical Psychology

### A year in numbers....

We had 5,161 people apply for the 2023 intake to clinical psychology training: an increase of 7.4% on last year. Of these 4,990 people applied for NHS places and 226 people applied for self-funded places (including 55 people who applied for both types of places).

There were 1,166 NHS places for the 2023 intake. This is another annual increase, though smaller than in recent years: 1% more places than last year. This gives a success rate of 23%.

361 people took advantage of the £10 early-bird discount we offer to those applying by mid-October.

### 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 2021/2022 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 2022, of those who returned data 96.7% started work as a clinical psychologist (or in an equivalent post) within 12 months of graduating. This is in line with the rates for the previous 9 years which were between 92.0% and 97.0% each year.

Of those working as clinical psychologists (or in an equivalent post) 96.0% were working in the NHS or in other public sector funded posts. Again, this is in line with the rates for the previous 9 years which were between 92.3% and 98.2% each year.

### Applicants for NHS Places

4,990

### NHS Places

1,166

### Success rate

23%

### Non-Completion rate

0.7%

### Clinical Psychologists

96.7%

**First year  
using our  
new  
website!**

### **A successful IT launch - into a full application cycle**

Our newly designed website launched in September 2022. This was a major achievement, providing a completely new IT system, on time and on budget.

Both Clearing House staff and those using our service have now completed a full application cycle supported by the new site. We've experienced the improved flexibility and ease-of-use it offers, through the year. And development doesn't stop there....

....for applications opening in autumn 2023 we've made further improvements for all our users:

- ⇒ smoothing the way for people writing Suitability Statements e.g. by adding an autosave function
- ⇒ increasing the utility of the pdf download for applicants, so they can see their documents in the same way that programmes see them
- ⇒ making improvements to the pdf download for programmes e.g. providing the option to include/exclude specific questions in the Jobs and Qualifications sections

If you have any feedback on our new website please let us know by emailing [chpccp@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:chpccp@leeds.ac.uk)

**Let us know  
your  
thoughts**

### **Equal opportunities monitoring - review**

With our new website in place we now have the scope to consider further changes.

We are therefore starting a review of the categories used in equal opportunities monitoring, to bring them up-to-date. The review will involve consulting with relevant stakeholders as appropriate. And we welcome your feedback as part of the process.

If you have any comments on the categories currently used please feel free to contact us by emailing [chpccp@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:chpccp@leeds.ac.uk)

You can find a sample copy of the current equal opportunities monitoring form at our website:

<https://www.clearing-house.org.uk/about-us/equal-opportunities>

***Spreading  
the cost  
for  
applicants***

**Coping with the cost of living crisis**

We are all very much aware of the challenges many people are facing in the current financial climate. This also presents challenges for organisations in managing budgets and finances.

The Clearing House is a charitable institution and the Board of Management has a responsibility to secure the viability of the institution for the future. We are committed to keeping the fees we charge to all parties as low as possible whilst ensuring the viability of the charity.

We have therefore frozen our charges to applicants for another year, and are continuing to offer a £10.00 fee discount to those people who apply early.

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 you, to help in managing your budget too.

***Seeking  
new  
trustees***

**Charitable changes and trustee recruitment**

We have changed from an unincorporated charity to an Incorporated Charitable Organisation. This is an important step in upgrading the governance of the Clearing House as a charity.

We are now in a period of transitioning all activities through to our new status.

As part of this transition we are seeking new trustees and will be working through a recruitment process in the coming months. Please contact us by emailing [chpccp@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:chpccp@leeds.ac.uk) if you would be interested in joining the team!

***A change  
of scene***

**Back to the (new) office!**

After a long period of home-working initiated by Covid lockdown, we have returned to the office this year! It's good to see colleagues in person again.

We also moved office during the spring so have settled into a new environment, whilst still enjoying the flexibility to work from home when appropriate.



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The Clearing House works with 30 clinical psychology course centres around the country 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 we charge to applicants and to course centres.

### **Snake's head fritillary, the Goitside, Kirkstall, Leeds**

