

Information for occupational therapists about Welsh Approved Clinician key competencies and legislation.

England has eight competency areas in the Multi-professional Approved Clinician Framework (from HEE 2020).

Wales, however, has nine competency areas as laid out in Schedule 2 of the Approved Clinician (Wales) Directions 2018.

The relationship and differences between the two sets of competencies' is shown below.

Competency Number:	ENGLAND	Competency Number:	WALES
1	Comprehensive understanding of the AC role, legal responsibilities and key functions of the AC and RC role	1	The role of the AC
2	Applied knowledge of legal and policy framework/codes of practice/ NICE guidelines	8	Mental Health Legislation and Policy
3	Assessment	3	Assessment
4	Treatment	5	Treatment
5	Care Planning	4	Care and Treatment Planning* *(This is specifically with reference to the requirements in the Mental Health (WALES) Measure (2010).
6	Clinical Leadership & MDT working	6	Leadership and MDT Working
7	Equality and Diversity	7	Equality, Diversity and Rights
8	Communication	9	Communication
N/A		2	Values Based Practice

The legislation governing Approved Clinicians in Wales is the [Mental Health Act 1983 \(Approved Clinicians\) \(Wales\) Directions 2018 \(2018 No. 55\) | GOV.WALES](#)

The Welsh Government has issued [guidance](#) for Approved Clinician in Wales.

The legislation relating to Care and Treatment Planning is the [Mental Health \(Wales\) Measure 2010 Parts 2 and 3 - Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](#)

The local Wales Approved Clinician Procedural Arrangements document and the Wales Portfolio Guidance document can be requested by emailing Meryl.Roberts@Wales.nhs.uk