**AHP Descriptors Interview Schedule – How does [AHP] contribute to the domains of public health?**

Interview length: ~1hr.

**Introduction**

* We are looking to find examples of how your professional practice as [therapist]’s incorporates public or population health. We are hoping to use the information provided by each professional group to develop profession specific descriptors to demonstrate and provide examples of the contribution of each AHP to public health and wellbeing. Examples may include giving prevention advice or addressing health inequalities.
* We are looking for different types of examples, which might align with the 4 domains of public health which you received an information sheet about before the interview.
* Would you like to see this information again before we start?
* *Run through format of interview, consent etc.*

**Interview questions**

**Please start with a brief summary of your profession and the key populations you work with.**

* Does your profession work with groups outside of the NHS/healthcare environments? E.g. schools, industry, social care.
* What do roles do [therapists] fill in these areas?
* How does your work improve the health or wellbeing for the groups you work with?

**Can you give examples of how your profession might support health protection, either in practice or through wider projects?**

* Prompts:
* Does the profession advise any groups about safety or infection in the home/workplace?
* Are you part of any screening programmes or do you have screening programmes in place for your clients? Do you work with other professionals who carry out screening programmes or processes for you?
* Does your work include any infection prevention or control elements?

**How does your profession approach or integrate health improvement within practice or in the home/workplace?**

* Are there any community development programmes or behaviour change programmes which support health improvement?
* Do you know of any projects involving partnerships with other groups which support health improvement?
  + E.g with housing associations, the fire services…
* Do you integrate making 'every contact count' into practice?

**How does your profession consider wider determinants of health or broader issues which can impact on health outcomes? This could be integrated into everyday practice or specific projects related to wider determinants of health.**

* Can you give any examples?
* To what extent are you aware of health inequality in the populations you work with?
* How do these wider determinants of health impact on health inequality?
  + E.g. poverty, education, disability environment, housing, digital health enablement, access to employment, or education
* Does your profession consider any factors beyond health in its day to day processes?
  + *E.g Are environmental elements considered by [AHP], either for resource materials or within the workplace?*
  + *E.g. Are digital health or technology integrated into patient care or access to information by the public? How do you mitigate for any digital exclusion?*

**How does your professional body support public health in practice?**

* Are you aware of any work done by individual professionals or the professional body which protect or improve the health and wellbeing of the workforce?
* Are there opportunities for AHPs to engage with public health within your profession?
  + What are the barriers and enablers that allow this to happen?
* Are you aware of any current public health projects either on a national or local level? If so, what are they?
  + Are you aware of any staff wellbeing schemes or projects within your AHP?
* Is there anything that could support your profession with public health projects in the future?

***[Time dependent] -* How was your profession affected by the pandemic?**

* + If there was a period of reduced services, were any projects or programmes started which may have contributed to public health
  + E.g. Have there been any changes to working policies to support staff wellbeing or the general public during lockdown, maybe support people with stress from the pandemic/long Covid?
  + Do you have any screening or infection control programmes in place that weren’t previously there?

**Wrap up**

* Is there anything else that I’ve missed which may be relevant to how your profession approaches or contributes to public health?
* Is there anyone else we can talk to about public health in [AHP], or do you know of any websites, articles or projects that might be useful for us to follow up with?