

Definitions of Special Case work placements:

a) unpaid service in a hospital or in a public health service laboratory or with a clinical commissioning group in the UK;

b) unpaid service with a local authority in the UK acting in the exercise of its functions relating to the care of children and young persons, health or welfare or with a voluntary organisation providing facilities or carrying out activities of a like nature in the UK; ba) unpaid service with a local authority (within the meaning of section 2B of the NHS Act 2006) acting in the exercise of public health functions (within the meaning of that Act);¹

c) unpaid service in the prison or probation and aftercare service in the UK;

d) unpaid research in an institution in the UK or, in the case of a student attending an overseas institution as a part of the student's course, in an overseas institution;²

e) unpaid service with i) a Special Health Authority established pursuant to section 28 of the NHS Act 2006; (ia) the NHS Commissioning Board; (ib) the NIHC; (ic) the Health and Social Care Information Centre; (ii) a Local Health Board established pursuant to section 11 of the NHS (Wales) Act 2006(b) or a Special Health Authority established pursuant to section 22 of that Act; (iii) a Health Board or a Special Health Board constituted under section 2 of the NHS (Scotland) Act 1978(c); or (iv) a Health and Social Services Board established under Article 16 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(d); or

f) unpaid service with either House of Parliament.

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¹ The placement can be with a council or a voluntary organisation in the UK. If with a voluntary organisation, the work must be of a "like nature" to the work that a council would undertake in exercise of its functions. The student must be working directly with "service users" (i.e. in the provision of care/welfare, not in an administrative, funding raising, etc. role).

² "Institution" in the Student Support Regulations covers education institutions offering designated higher education courses of at least a year in length, or overseas equivalents.