

# ENHANCED PRACTICE



## What is enhanced practice?

Enhanced practice is a level of professional practice and describes experienced, knowledgeable health and care professionals who are able to manage a level of complexity of work and risk which is beyond entry to practice.

### Practitioners at this level will:

- have undertaken post-registration education and training relevant to their area of practice or role
- be able to work as a team to manage discrete episodes of care



## Enhanced practice in prosthetics and orthotics is not new

### Practitioners at this level are likely to:

- act as clinical leads
- mentor junior colleagues
- manage more complex patients and patient groups

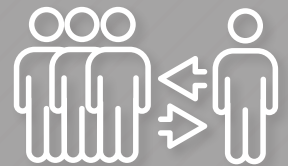
## Benefits of enhanced practice

### Employers

- Improved recruitment
- Improved retention
- Improved productivity

### Prosthetists and orthotists

- Improved recognition
- Fulfilling careers
- High quality care



## Enhanced Clinical Practitioner Apprenticeship

### One pathway to enhanced practice

- 18 months at Master's level
- Mixture of taught content and work-based learning
- Suitable for P&Os who are newly promoted or working towards a job role that requires them to handle more complex patients (normally at Band 6)



## Making the most of enhanced practice

### Employers

- Investing in enhanced practice to meet service needs
- Using the Apprenticeship to develop their people
- Valuing and developing the existing workforce

### Prosthetists and orthotists

- Being active in their own career development
- Considering the career development pathway which might be most suitable for them

