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| **Question** | **Answer** |
| Could we have your email addresses please Judy & Catherine? | [j.clegg@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:j.clegg@sheffield.ac.uk)  [c.tattersall@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:c.tattersall@sheffield.ac.uk)  It will be really helpful if you can email both of us so we don’t miss any emails. |
| Can I just check that the 4 years is set? I am just conscious that other AHP apprenticeships are 3 and I wouldn’t want anyone put off the SaLT one | Yes, the 4 years is set. Yes, other AHP apprenticeships are 3 years in length. The RCSLT and the trailblazer group set the SLT Apprenticeship standard at 4 years to recognise the integrity of and to protect the SLT qualification. There is no flexibility on this at the moment. The funding is in place for a 4 year SLT apprenticeship. |
| Are we able to send out details to be skill scanned prior to applying? | Typically, the skill scan is undertaken by both the employer and the university once it is deemed that the apprentice has met the entry criteria. The purpose of the scan is to provide a starting position for the apprentice. Both the employer and the university need to agree this starting point and whether to accept any prior learning. Degree apprenticeships are taught at level 4, 5, & 6 and any prior learning will need to be evidenced at level 4 at least and will need to relate to content taught on the programme.  As long as the apprentice meets the entry requirements, they do not need to demonstrate any additional skills, knowledge or behaviours during the skill scan. The primary purpose is to get the baselines which will feed into the individual training plan.  We can develop some guidance about what is and is not accepted as evidence of prior learning to help support conversations with potential applicants if that would be useful. It is likely that this guidance would develop over time as we work through the recruitment process. |
| Can we have clarification of whether a degree will be acceptable as entry even if their A levels did not meet AAB | Yes, an undergraduate degree is acceptable even if A levels are not at AAB. |
| Is a level 5 Fd in health and social care acceptable as entry criteria? Will it also provide APL? | We think so but we need to check which we will do and communicate to stakeholders shortly. |
| To what extent does experience as a SLT Assistant go towards entry criteria? | This will be on the recruitment criteria, i.e., evidence of experience in SLT/people with communication impairments and commitment to the SLT profession.  Once offered a place experience and skills can be highlighted in Skill Scan process and considered in the baselines for the apprentice. |
| Does each Trust organise the placements themselves using the competency guides form university? | Yes. We can support this but we encourage employers/managers to look at how they can support placements for SLT apprentices and to work across services in doing this, e.g., ‘quid pro quo’ take arrangements. |
| Given that there are only 20 places, and what looks like a lot more interest, how can we guarantee a place? We don't want to offer the apprenticeship and then not be able to get a place on the course? | We talked this through at the webinar on 24/10/2022.  To better understand the demand and enable the university to explore if it is possible to support more learners please complete the demand survey by 8th November - <https://forms.office.com/r/wKNquREwrX> |
| For the 15 study blocks would we be expected not to be approving annual leave during these periods and how is this agreed? | Yes, apprentices need to not be on annual leave when the study blocks take place. They need to attend all study blocks (pending extenuating circumstances).  Study blocks will be communicated at the beginning of the programme to ensure learners and employers can plan around these. |
| How much of the 4 weeks will be face to face teaching? | The study blocks will be delivered online but in person. So, a study block will not be a week of listening to recordings. There will be a ‘live’ person delivering the learning and teaching online in the study blocks. |