



Paid to Train Opportunity

YPAS is SEEKING TO RECRUIT



2 x Trainee Children and Young People's Specialist Clinical Practice

National Autism Programme (LDA) Practitioners

YPAS is excited to offer a unique opportunity for an enthusiastic and committed professional to join our team as a **Trainee Children and Young People's Specialist Clinical Practice National Autism Programme (LDA) Practitioner**. This **12-month training post** combines hands-on experience supporting children and young people with autism and or learning disabilities, alongside a **fully funded Postgraduate Diploma** and **Weekly Clinical Supervision**.

This trainee role is ideal for someone passionate about working with neurodivergent children and young people. You will support individuals across a range of YPAS services, contributing to assessment, planning and delivery of personalised, strengths-based interventions. Supporting children and young people with LD/A needs across therapeutic and community settings. Working closely with families, schools, and professionals to promote inclusive and effective support. Implementing person-centred and evidence-based approaches. Participating in reflective practice and structured academic learning

Professional Criteria

Accredited counsellor or HCPC registered therapist, social worker, mental health nurse, or occupational therapist with two years' experience working with CYPs or families looking to develop your skills and competencies working with LD/A CYPs

Or

Applicants who do not hold one of the recognised core professions above may be considered for eligibility via the Knowledge, Skills, and Attitudes (KSA). You would need to demonstrate 4 years' experience of working with CYPs or families

(BABCP KSA will need to be completed post successful interview <https://babcp.com/core-professions/knowledge-skills-attitudes/>)

Post	Trainee LD/A Practitioner
Salary	NJC point 17 - £31,022
Contract	12-months fixed-term
Hours	35 hours per week
Closing Date	Wednesday 12/08/2026 (12pm)
Short listing	Wednesday 12/08/2026
Interviews	Wednesday 26/08/2026
Post commences	January 2027 (date TBC)

NOTE: Students will not be accepted if they are currently undertaking studies elsewhere or registered with another university.

For an application pack please email recruitment@ypas.org.uk, quoting reference #LDA2026