

**EAST OF ENGLAND REGIONAL APPROVAL PANEL  
(SECTION 12 (2) MENTAL HEALTH ACT)**

**REFERENCE FOR AC APPROVAL (In Confidence)**

Name of Applicant: **Dr Miles Richard FRANCE**

1. For how long did the applicant work with / for you? Please give dates.

I have worked with Miles since approximately September 2000.

2. What experience has the applicant had in the care and treatment of patients subject to detention?

Miles is an experienced AMHP and was an ASW for many years prior to the inception of the amended MHA. He is responsible for the provision of ongoing supervision and mentoring to experienced AMHPs, being a Practice Educator on the AMHP qualifying programme and drafting ethically sound and illuminating policies, procedures and protocols. Miles also has a long standing special interest in working within Mentally Disordered Offenders, having been the lead author for a number of protocols (including Section 136 MHA) and having delivered training in this area. He is in the unique position of being the most experienced AMHP within his Trust and is used as a source of clarification over MHA/MCA issues.

2. What additional experience, relevant to approval was gained?

He is used in a training capacity to medical practitioners in order for them to gain greater understanding of the MCA and MHA. Additionally Miles provides training to the police on the use of their powers when dealing with mentally disordered offenders. He has also written key policies and guidance for Norfolk County Council.

4. Does your understanding of the applicant's professional competence arise through any of the following mechanisms? *(Delete all that do not apply)*

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Appraiser</li><li>▪ Clinical Tutor</li><li>▪ Shared ward rounds / clinics</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Joint teaching</li><li>▪ Consultant Supervisor</li></ul>	Other – please specify  Practitioner training courses Teaching on University programmes
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5. Is the applicant suitable for approval? Please give reasons.

I believe Miles France is most suitable for approval given his professional competence and experience over many years. He is an independent thinker who can consider issues rationally within the context of relevant legislation and based on clinical evidence.

Signed: Andy Collins Date: 10<sup>th</sup> October 2012

Name: ANDY COLLINS

Appointment: TEAM MANAGER

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Are you AC/AMHP approved?      Yes      – please delete as appropriate