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has completed the free course including any mandatory tests for:

## **Exercise and mental health**

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#### **Course summary**

Each year thousands of pounds are spent on medications to treat conditions such as anxiety and depression. These medications often have negative side effects. Exercise is an alternative treatment that is low cost and has few side effects. In this free course, Exercise and mental health, we will look at the links between exercise and improved mental health and psychological well-being. This will include consideration of the role of exercise in combating stress, anxiety and depression, and in enhancing mood.

#### Learning outcomes

By completing this course, the learner should be able to:

- demonstrate an awareness of the links between physical activity and mental health
- understand some of the proposed theories of why exercise benefits mental health.

#### **Completed study**

The learner has completed the following:

#### Section 1

Exercise and mental health

#### Section 2

The role of exercise in reducing anxiety and depression

#### **Section 3**

Why does exercise improve mental health?

#### Section 4

Conclusion