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## **Annual Report October 2014 – February 2016**

### **Meetings**

This is the first annual report of the BCTIWC and covers a period of 18 months during which time the Council met three times; October 2014, March 2015 and October 2015.

### **Membership**

One of the original professional members, Janet Butler, resigned in 2015 and was replaced by Lynne Souter Anderson. The BCTIWC also welcomed 2 new lay members of Council, Sylvia Lucas and Lorna Lewis.

### **Activities**

#### Registrants' Revalidation February 2015

PTUK introduced a revalidation process for 2015 to include the recording of anonymised client information, location, SDQ data and activities undertaken in sessions. This would enable differentiation of standards of attainment on the register and be of benefit to potential clients or employers when seeking a play therapist. Council approved this direction of travel at its October 2014 meeting.

In the event, this proved controversial with a vocal minority of registrants and Council reviewed the matter in detail at its March 2015 meeting. Members cautioned against proceeding too quickly and recommended that PTUK give time for consolidation before taking any more steps. In particular, they cautioned against annotating the register in 2016. The Council also reminded PTUK of the need to take every opportunity to involve registrants in the ongoing developments and to give clear explanations of their approach at all times.

The BCTIWC was pleased to hear in October 2015 that the 2015 registrants' revalidation process had gone very smoothly.

#### Systems development

A conflict of interest policy has been adopted.

The Members' Agreement was developed and approved.

A constitution and terms of reference for BCTIWC acting as an accreditation panel has been developed and approved.

#### Audit of register

The second audit of the register took place on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014. The report was discussed at the October 2014 meeting. The report raised concerns about trainee supervisors, which PTUK acknowledged and agreed to address at supervisors' renewal in November 2014.

The third annual audit took place on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015. The report will be discussed at the March 2015 meeting of Council.

### **Complaints**

The Council received 2 formal complaints in March 2015 regarding the February 2015 process for registrant revalidation. In both cases, after a full, documented investigation, Council determined that there was no case to answer.

### **PTUK Policy reviews**

The following PTUK policies have been reviewed during this period:

Risk register

Removal of individuals from the register

Voluntary de-registration

A programme of regular policy review has been drawn up.

### **Financial Report**

The annual accounts for 2014/15 were prepared by Kemp, Carr Brown Ltd and posted on the Companies House website. No corporation tax is payable. Council agreed to change the company's registered address to that of the Chair.

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