The British Council for
Therapeutic Interventions With
Children Limited
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Member Agreement

1. Introduction

The British Council for Therapeutic Interventions with Children, hereinafter called BCTIWC, is a not for profit company limited by guarantee. Its purpose is:

(i) to ensure that children and young people, many of whom have social, emotional, behavioural or mental health difficulties, can access safe and effective Play Therapy. This is what we mean when we use the term 'the public interest'. We oversee and audit the activities of The UK Society for Play and Creative Arts Therapies (hereinafter referred to as PTUK) to make sure that professional practitioners' interests are balanced by the public interest and publish our findings;

(ii) to regularly audit the PTUK Accredited Register, accredited by the UK Professional Standards Authority (the PSA), to ensure that the data is accurate, transparent, current, unbiased and provides the public with the information needed to choose a safe and effective practitioner to work therapeutically with children or infants;

(iii) to undertake an annual review of PTUK's complaints process and PTUK's response to any complaints they have received. We act as an independent advisor to the PTUK by highlighting areas for improvement and we share our reports with the PSA;

(iv) to independently address complaints regarding the CEO of PTUK and APAC, make recommendations and report any findings to the PSA. Please see our Complaints Policy for further details;

v) to review the public interest element of the competencies required for any the titles: 'Practitioners in Therapeutic Play', 'Play Therapist', 'Counsellor of Children Using Play and Creative Arts Therapies', 'Filial Play Coach', 'Clinical Supervisor of Play and Creative Arts Therapies' and any others proposed by PTUK;

(vi) to meet with the directors of PTUK twice a year to oversee their activities and ensure that there is no conflict of interest between PTUK and Academy of Play and Child Psychotherapy (APAC). We monitor the activities of PTUK to ensure it is governed in a way that prioritises the safe and effective practice of Play Therapy and not the Directors' personal interests;

(vii) to report to the PSA any unreasonable refusal by PTUK to implement the Council's recommendations.

2. Membership

2.1 The BCTIWC comprises a minimum of 5 members; the Chair who must be an independent lay person, 2 registrant members and 2 lay people, more lay members may be recruited to ensure meetings can be quorate.

2.2 The term of membership is 4 years, members may extend their membership for further terms of 4 years.

2.3 Vacancies will be advertised and any registrant professional or lay person may apply for the appropriate vacancy.

2.4 In the event of more than one applicant for a vacancy, a transparent selection and recruitment process will be implemented. Please see our Recruitment Policy for more infomation.

2.5 BCTIWC comprises a minimum of 5 members; three of whom are lay members including its Chair, a majority of lay members must be present for a BCTIWC meeting to be quorate.

3. Meetings

3.1 Formal meetings of the Council are held twice yearly at the registered office of BCTIWC.

3.2 The agenda and papers will be circulated 7 days in advance.

3.3 Ad hoc meetings may be arranged by the Chair to consider requests for monitoring and approval of PTUK proposals.

4. Fees and Expenses

4.1 The fee payable for work undertaken by Council members in relation to 1 above is £180 for a full day and £90 for half day (up to 4 hours).

4.2 There is no fee for attendance at Council meetings.

4.3 Reasonable out-of-pocket expenses will be paid for attendance at any meeting. This includes standard public transport and a mileage rate of 45p a mile when travelling by car.

4.4 Members contract their services to BCTIWC and are responsible for declaring any income to HMRC where necessary.

5. Conflict of Interest

5.1 Any member having a conflict of interest in any agenda item must declare this and either take no further part or leave the meeting whilst the item is discussed.

6. Confidentiality

6.1 Members have a duty of confidentiality in regard to confidential items on the agenda. These will be expressly determined at the end of each meeting.

I understand and accept the duties and responsibilities of membership of the BCTIWC and agree to abide by its constitution.

Signed:

Affiliation:

Date: