



Role Description

The UK Council for Psychotherapy (UKCP) is recognised as the leading professional body for the education, training and accreditation of psychotherapists and psychotherapeutic counsellors. We represent training organisations and over 9,000 individual therapists - working privately or in the NHS or voluntary sector - offering a wide variety of psychotherapeutic approaches or modalities. As part of our commitment to protecting the public, we work to improve access to psychotherapy and psychotherapeutic counselling, to support and disseminate research, to improve standards and to respond effectively to complaints against our members.

The Practitioner Research Network (PRN) is a meeting space for research active members. The primary purpose of the PRN is to support, empower and provide expertise to research active members.

Title	Leader of the Practitioner Research Network (PRN)
Reporting to	Research Working Group
Direct Reports	
Location	2 nd Floor America House, 2 America Square, London EC3N 2LU

Principles of Office

The PRN Leader:

- Will act in the best interests of the organisation, respect confidentiality and avoid personal conflict of interests with the organisation.
- Is required to hold multiple perspectives within the organisation with integrity and professionalism, often working with competing areas of interest.
- Is expected to be guided in their work by Nolan's seven principles of public life: selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership.

Main Duties and Responsibilities

- Conduct outreach to members to improve knowledge of the PRN.
- Plan and run meetings in accordance with the Terms of Reference created in collaboration with the Research Working Group.
- Foster a participatory and collaborative meeting environment while still guiding the discussion and direction.
- Plan and conduct a clearly defined and achievable research output twice yearly.
- Network with other researchers and research groups.
- Report to the Research Working Group (RWG) twice yearly regarding progress and outputs.
- To liaise with the Policy and Research Officer regularly.

This is not an exhaustive list and you are required to be flexible in your approach to carrying out your duties which may change from time to time to reflect changes in the company's approach to a culture of continuous improvement.

Person Specification

Essential

- Strong research background.
- Dynamic leadership style.
- Role model for practitioner-led research.
- Considerable knowledgeable about research, including but not limited to ethics, methodologies, and outcome measures.
- Skills to engage with the wider membership about research and practice-based evidence.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills.
- Commitment to maximising the impact of the RWG.
- Possess a vision for the future of psychotherapy that is progressive and engages with the 21st century.

UKCP Behaviours

Adhere to the following behaviours, which are based on the fundamental values on how everyone at UKCP works together:

- Recognise each other's skills, experience and passion.
- Commit to engaging others positively and constructively.
- Accountable for the integrity of the UKCP and the profession we represent.
- Take responsibility for our working culture.
- Lead by example.

Time Commitment and Compensation

- To spend at minimum four hours monthly dedicated to the PRN.
- This role is an unpaid volunteer position. Any reasonable expenses would be in line with the UKCP Expenses Policy.