



Consultation - UKCP Standards of Education and Training for Child Psychotherapeutic Counselling

Background

UKCP's Education, Training, and Practice Committee (ETPC) has revised the UKCP Standards of Education and Training for Child Psychotherapeutic Counselling, which are now ready for consultation.

UKCP periodically reviews its generic Standards of Education and Training documents to ensure clarity about the minimum standards and requirements underpinning psychotherapeutic training for work with children, and coherence in its structure and content.

The revised UKCP Standards of Education and Training for Child Psychotherapeutic Counselling have been drafted, taking the existing documents as a starting point to combine those into one UKCP document. The current UKCP colleges to which these standards apply will adopt these standards once approved (CCAP/CCYP, PCIPC, UTC).

Change of this kind affects UKCP students and trainees, trainings and trainers, the general public who may be considering psychotherapeutic training, and the wider psychotherapeutic community.

We seek representation of a broad spectrum of views from within and without the organisation.



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The current UKCP Development of Training Standards in Child Psychotherapeutic Counselling was last updated in 2012, and were to be read alongside any respective college Standards of Education that were available at that time (PCIPC/UTC).

In 2019 a working group was formed by the ETPC to revise the UKCP document, taking the existing documents as listed below as a starting point:

- UKCP Development of Training Standards in Child Psychotherapeutic Counselling (2012)
- PCIPC Child Psychotherapeutic Counselling SETs (2013)
- UTC Child Psychotherapeutic Counselling SETs (2016)

The above documents have been combined into one UKCP document, with the agreement that the current UKCP colleges to which these standards apply will adopt the UKCP version once approved (currently this is CCAP/CCYP, PCIPC, and UTC).

Change must involve feedback from stakeholders.

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Development of UKCP Standards of Education and Training for Child Psychotherapeutic Counselling can affect the content of accredited trainings, the processes that trainings undertake with students and trainees, and the standards of education and training required for accreditation of individuals to the UKCP register.

This means that all of those groups must have the opportunity to feed back on the terms of the change. By completing the survey on the UKCP website, you can let us know how the revised standards will affect you, and whether you think there could be improvements.

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Time frames

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- **July 2020** – The consultation on the revised *UKCP Standards of Education and Training for Child Psychotherapeutic Counselling* begins with the UKCP membership, wider professional community, and general public via a survey, and other info on UKCP’s website.
- **November 2020** – Deadline for all responses and feedback to the consultation. ETPC will review consultation feedback, and will consider any revisions to form the final draft *UKCP Standards of Education and Training for Child Psychotherapeutic Counselling* document.
- **March 2021** – Final draft is agreed (if not already) by the ETPC, and emailed to UKCP’s PRCCF for approval.
- **April 2021** – Approved final draft to be published, and sent to UKCP organisational members.
- **September 2021** – The revised *UKCP Standards of Education and Training for Child Psychotherapeutic Counselling* will come into operation.

This schedule represents key dates in the consultation process.



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Section 2 of the Standing Orders states that –

- **Change should be sponsored by a principal stakeholder.** In this case, UKCP and the Education, Training and Practice Committee recognised a need for the standards to be updated.
- **A timescale and rationale should be published on the website.** This is available on the UKCP website and includes various information and a survey for you to respond with feedback.
- **A summary of the consultation feedback must be posted on the UKCP website.** A summary will be posted on the UKCP website after the feedback has been analysed and discussed by the Education, Training and Practice Committee.
- **Information on the change must be disseminated to all stakeholders and posted on the website.** This will happen after the UKCP Board of Trustees has approved the final document.

UKCP's Standing Orders sets out the requirements for consulting on changes.



More information on the UKCP Standards of Education and Training for Child Psychotherapeutic Counselling consultation can be found on the UKCP website at:

<https://www.psychotherapy.org.uk>

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