**Supervisor oversight and quality assurance of supervision processes - colleagues in allied professions**

We have a number of colleagues from allied professions wishing to be involved with and support the DClinPsy trainees on their placements. It is important that to ensure that we are meeting professional guidance and standards and that we can quality assure both the supervisory and assessment processes.

Currently the British Psychological Society allows trainees to have one placement which is not directly supervised by a Clinical Psychologist during their time training. To ensure the quality of provision we consider that the proposed supervisor needs to meet the following quality assurance checks, training requirements and oversight where relevant.

**Quality assurance**

Should an allied professional colleague wish to be involved in supervising a trainee then we check for the following:

* Check that the allied colleague has registration with their professional body (to which they would be accountable in meeting their code of conduct/standards)
* Check for a track record in either clinical supervision training within their own profession and/or in the clinical supervision of others (as opposed to managerial or operational supervisory responsibilities).

Should an allied colleague meet the above then we could move to considering them in a position of supervising a trainee.

**Training and oversight**

If an allied colleague meets the checks set out above, they would either need to attend the full introduction to new supervisor training provided by any of the DClinPsy training programmes – to allow them to be a sole/lead supervisor

or

attend a one day training session (specifically aimed at non-psychology colleagues) or its equivalent and provide a proportion of the supervision alongside a Clinical Psychologist (who would be considered to have overall responsibility for the placement). The expectations would be as follows:

*Clinical Psychologist:*

* Minimum of a third of the formal supervision requirements per week (30/90 mins for first placement, 20/60 mins any subsequent placement – pro rata for part time trainees)
* To have observed the trainee in their work at least 6 times – can be via recordings (ideally 2 from early, mid and latter stages of the placement)
* To have the responsibility of completing the Supervisor Assessment of Trainee (SAT) form and any other placement associated paperwork and submit to the programme
* To be actively involved/attend in placement review meetings for the duration of the placement.

*Allied colleague:*

* Maximum of two thirds of the formal supervision requirements per week (60/90mins for first placement, 40/60mins any subsequent placement – pro rata for part time trainees)
* To observe the trainee in their work, ideally at different stages of the placement.
* To contribute to the SAT form and any other placement associated paperwork
* To be actively involved/attend in placement review meetings for the duration of the placement.