

## BPA Pathway to becoming a registered supervisor and registered training supervisor

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### Overview:

For entry onto the BPA register of supervisors, the BPA recognises two levels of supervisor competency. The two levels are 'registered supervisor' (RS) and 'registered training supervisor' (RTS).

A registered supervisor (RS) can:

- Provide clinical supervision for registered practitioners of psychodrama.

A registered training supervisor (RTS) can:

- Provide clinical supervision for registered psychodrama trainees, in addition to the above.

For the above two designations, when a person is listed as a BPA RS or RTS, this information will be shared with the UKCP for entry on to their directory of supervisors. The person can then list this designation as a part of their CV and on their online profiles.

**NOTE:** The UKCP list is a *directory* and NOT a *register*. The BPA list IS a register, in that the designation as BPA RS or RTS is subject to CPD requirements as evidenced at the 5-yearly reaccreditation process. This means that if you do not maintain adequate CPD for the role of RS or RTS, you will be de-registered by the BPA as an RS or RTS and must consequently remove such designations from your CV and online profiles. The BPA will inform the UKCP that you are no longer on the BPA register as an RS or RTS, whichever applies.

**Prerequisite for starting the process to become a registered supervisor or training supervisor**

A candidate for either role would normally be 2 years post qualification as a Psychodrama Psychotherapist, but in exceptional circumstances could start the process 1 year post qualifying. The candidate will already be a Registered Practitioner with HIPC/ UKCP and the BPA.

**Requirements to be evidenced for entry onto the directory as registered supervisor**

Complete a recognised supervision training, recognised by BPA and HIPC / UKCP.

Or:

Be approved by the HIPC / UKCP under their two specific pathways for individuals who have not completed a BPA or UKCP approved supervision training. See the relevant UKCP document for more information about the individual pathways.

**Requirements to be evidenced for entry onto the directory as a registered training supervisor**

**Competencies in supporting trainee development**

1. Ability to demonstrate an awareness of the training pathway and learning journey of the trainee, and the clinical and procedural challenges that they may meet on clinical placements.
2. Awareness of the clinical placement handbook of the training organisation. This includes procedures and policies for four-way communication between the placement, the trainee, the TO and the supervisor.
3. Explicitly linking psychodrama methodology to theoretical concepts. The ability to model or coach these in the supervision context. This is particularly important for trainees who come from a non-clinical professional background.
4. Ability to assess and evaluate how trainees meet the criteria for psychodrama psychotherapy practice and methodology, and their emerging clinical thinking.
5. Ability to support, encourage and challenge trainees when they experience setbacks and challenges in their clinical placement or in relation to their training. This includes considering with the trainee what needs to be brought to clinical supervision, placement supervision, personal therapy, or tutorials with the trainer.

**Professional Competencies**

1. Ability to demonstrate and model rigorous ethical standards in all aspects of the supervisor role.
2. Ability to demonstrate appropriate professional values in accordance with all BPA, HIPC, and UKCP guidelines.
3. Ability to demonstrate and model good working knowledge of the BPA and UKCP / HIPC training standards.

## **Supporting research and writing**

1. Where the trainee is offering evidence of their research awareness through a paper that relates to their clinical practice (e.g. one-to-one client report or final clinical paper), the RTS will offer appropriate support for the trainee's thinking.

### **To register with the BPA as a registered supervisor (RS) or registered training supervisor (RTS):**

To apply, please write a personal statement evidencing your philosophy of supervision and how you meet the above competencies for RS or RTS, whichever applies. The application should include disclosure of any pending / current or past complaints or criminal convictions relevant to your professional practice. Submit this statement with supporting documentation to the TAC and copy it to the BPA Administrator. The letter of application will be considered at the next TAC meeting.

There is no fee for this application.

If the application is rejected, the TAC will offer written feedback and suggest next steps for development so the applicant can reach the required competencies.