



**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 the public interest is protected in the advancement of the safe and effective use of therapeutic play, play therapy, creative arts therapies, child counselling, filial coaching, child psychotherapy and related therapies (hereinafter called 'the therapies'), throughout the UK, in general, and in particular where children's and infants' development is impaired by social, emotional, behavioural or mental health difficulties;

(ii) to monitor and advise upon the standards and activities of the United Kingdom Society of Play and Creative Arts Therapies, known as Play Therapy UK (PTUK), to ensure that professional practitioners' interests are balanced by the public interest;

(iii) to hear complaints made against PTUK and, in the case of challenge, to review decisions made by PTUK in response to complaints by PTUK registrants.

(iv) to regularly audit the PTUK Register, approved by the UK Professional Standards Authority (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;

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 make recommendations to PTUK about all of the above issues and any new, or amended existing standards that PTUK proposes, including its ethical system;

(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 notified 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.

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: