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1. **Play Therapy UK and the British Council for Therapeutic Interventions with Children**

The objects of Play Therapy UK (PTUK) include responsibilities:

‘to advance the safe and effective use of therapeutic play, play therapy, creative arts therapies, child counselling and child psychotherapy (hereinafter called the therapies), throughout the UK and the rest of the world generally and in particular where children’s development is impaired by emotional, behaviour or mental health difficulties;’ and

‘to provide a Profession Structure Model and infrastructure for the development and operation of the profession.’

PTUK’s core responsibility is the maintenance of a Register of qualified play therapists who the public can trust have the requisite skills, knowledge and competence. Responsibility for the design and delivery of training and qualifications is undertaken by a legally independent organisation: Academy of Play and Child Psychotherapy (APAC). The separation is designed to provide protection against conflicts of interest between the delivery of education and the maintenance of the Register and professional standards.

The role of the British Council for Therapeutic Interventions with Children (BCTIWC) is to oversee PTUK:

* to protect the interests of the public in the advancement of the safe use of play therapy;
* to monitor and advise on standards;
* to hear complaints made against PTUK and to review PTUK’s decisions;
* to audit the PTUK Register;
* to review the public interest in competencies required of play therapists;
* to make recommendations to PTUK on all the above issues and any proposals PTUK makes to existing standards;
* to report to the Professional Standards Agency and unreasonable refusal by PTUK to implement the Council’s recommendations.

1. **Delivering Public Benefit**

PTUK’s Register of qualified therapists provides the public with access to appropriately trained and qualified therapists who are of good standing with up to date knowledge, skills and expertise. Play therapists registered with PTUK are required to re-register annually and prove they are meeting PTUK’s standards. PTUK provides a range of services to enable registrants to continue to meet the required standards: continuing professional development courses; catch-up meetings for all registrants and an annual conference.

All therapists are able to record notes of their cases on PTUK’s record system, which is also used to research and monitor the effectiveness of play therapy. PTUK through the revalidation process ensures that all therapists receive supervision to promote reflective practice, to ensure they are coping well and are effective. It facilitates regular meetings for supervisors and provides top-up courses to meet their needs.