

Dear Members

Please find some information below which may be of interest to you, plus some job opportunities. Please contact the advertiser directly and not IACP.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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IACP Behaviour & Attitudes Research

The IACP commissioned research company - Behaviour & Attitudes - to conduct 'Counselling & Psychotherapy Experience & Attitudes Quantitative Research'.

We are delighted to release this research in its entirety to all IACP Members today.

The results of the research give a fascinating insight of the attitudes of the Irish public towards counselling / psychotherapy.

Over the past few months we have released some of the findings to the Media and we have received a huge amount of interest and indeed exposure in the press, radio and also TV.

By creating a discussion in the media, it has really helped to raise awareness of the IACP and also awareness of what Counselling / psychotherapy has to offer the general population.

This research is the first of its kind for the IACP and we have established a Research Panel to drive new research initiatives within the IACP.

As part of this Research Development, the IACP will be co-hosting the prestigious 2013 BACP Research Conference in Birmingham, England.

This is a significant step forward in the development of the IACP's research strategy and a great opportunity for IACP members to become more involved with research.

[Click here](#) to view the IACP Research

The Children First National Guidelines and their Implications for the Work of IACP Members

In 2010, the National Executive of the IACP adopted the Children First Guidelines of the Department of Health and Children (1999) as part of the organisation's policy. The guidelines are on the IACP website and are widely available. It is the responsibility of all IACP members to familiarise themselves with them.

This note deals only with the reporting responsibilities by which members are expected to abide. It deals only with what is stated in the guidelines. The guidelines are non-mandatory under the law **at present**, but it is now the policy of the IACP that members act in accordance with them.

For IACP members, the key provisions of the guidelines are those regarding the reporting of concerns to the authorities. These provisions deal with concerns that a child may currently be experiencing abuse; and with disclosure by adults of abuse experienced when they themselves were children.

Current Abuse

A member who has concerns that children with whom they are in contact may have been abused, may be suffering abuse or may be at risk of abuse should report these concerns to the HSE child protection services. If the child is in immediate danger and the HSE cannot be contacted, a report should be made to the Gardaí.

Retrospective Disclosure by Adults

For most counsellors / psychotherapists this may be the most relevant section. This issue arises when an adult discloses abuse that occurred during his / her childhood. The section places an onus on the member to consider whether a child is at risk currently and if so to act upon that concern. The guidelines state that "If any risk is deemed to exist to a child who may be in contact with an alleged abuser, the counsellor / health professional should report the allegation to the HSE Children and Family Services without delay."

It is important to note that these guidelines concern not only sexual abuse but also neglect, physical abuse and emotional abuse.

As mentioned above, the Children First guidelines are non-mandatory in a legal sense, **at present**, but this is expected to change in the near future. However the formal adoption by the National Executive of the IACP of the guidelines places an obligation on members to act in accordance with those guidelines.

Members would be wise to ensure that their contracts with clients refer to these obligations under the Children First Guidelines.

IACP members should also make themselves familiar with the **Child Protection and Welfare Practice Handbook** published by the HSE.

The handbook incorporates the Children First National Guidelines and is a user-friendly document. It is strongly recommended by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs.

If you need further advice or guidance in relation to the above or any area of Child Protection you can contact **One In Four** on 01-6624070 or www.oneinfour.ie

One In Four can assist you with understanding the information and also guide and assist you with the reporting mechanisms if necessary.

Both the **Children First: National Guidelines for the Protection and Welfare of Children** and the **Child Protection and Welfare Practice Handbook** can be viewed and downloaded from the IACP website by clicking on the link below.

The IACP is Hiring!

Interested in making a difference?

Enjoy the challenge of change and making things happen?

Want to be part of a creative and hardworking adaptable team?

If so we want to hear from you.

The IACP is hiring a Training Course Assessor.

The IACP Training Course Assessor role is central to the development of the IACP Course Accreditation Process.

The Training Course Assessor will assist in the delivery, development and implementation of all aspects of all IACP training courses.

To view the full job details please [click here](#)

Please forward a detailed Cover Letter and CV to Liz Gannon at liz@iacp.ie

Closing date for applications is 5pm Friday 14 September 2012

IACP Complaints Committee – Volunteers Required

The IACP Complaints Committee is currently seeking new members.

Applications are being sought from Accredited IACP Members.

If you are interested, please download the IACP Volunteer Application form and return it to Liz Gannon, IACP, 21 Dublin Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow.

Click [this link](#) to download the application form.

The purpose of the Complaints Committee is to provide a means of processing any complaint about an infringement of the Code of Ethics and Practice of the Irish Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy on the part of any Member of the IACP.

The Complaints Committee meet once a month for approximately three and half hours

IACP to Co-host the BACP Research Conference 2013

‘Synergy in Counselling & Psychotherapy Research’

The IACP is delighted to announce that we will be co-hosting the prestigious 2013 BACP Research Conference in Birmingham. Please find details at the following link

<http://bacp.co.uk/research/events/index.php>

This is a significant step forward in the development of the IACP’s research strategy and a great opportunity for IACP members to become more involved with research.

This two day research conference runs on Friday and Saturday (10 & 11 May 2013) with a pre-conference workshop on the Thursday evening prior.

For details about the venue or to register interest as a delegate, please contact Katy Hobday at katy.hobday@bacp.co.uk

Venue: The Forest of Arden Hotel
Meriden
Birmingham
England CV7 7HR
United Kingdom

Date: 10 & 11 May 2013

Call for Papers

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS – 16 NOVEMBER 2012

All IACP Members are invited to submit a proposal for consideration at the IACP / BACP Research Conference 2013.

Submissions of abstracts for papers, workshops, symposia and posters are invited.

All submissions should follow the BACP guideline template which can be found by clicking here <http://bacp.co.uk/research/events/index.php>

For further information about submitting an abstract, please contact Angela Couchman at angela.couchman@bacp.co.uk

We’re looking forward to this event and a follow up IACP / BACP event will be held in Dublin in Autumn 2013 (details TBA).

Recently Accredited IACP Members

Congratulations to IACP Members whom have recently been ratified for First Time Accreditation and for 5 Year Renewal of Accreditation.

To view all the recent IACP Accreditations please [click here](#)

SIMS IVF – Placement Therapists Wanted

SIMS IVF Counselling Department seek Diploma/BA qualified Counsellor or Psychotherapist working towards accreditation, preferably with couples therapeutic training for 3 (plus) counselling hours placement per week.

Supervision & Fertility Counselling mentoring provided.

Please forward your CV and cover letter by email or post to:

Ann Bracken, Counselling Psychotherapist
SIMS IVF, Clonskeagh Road, Clonskeagh, Dublin 14

Email: ann.bracken@sims.ie

Web: www.sims.ie

Closing date for applications is Monday 10th September 2012

SIMS IVF are internationally recognized as leaders in the field of reproductive medicine in Ireland. The clinic offers a comprehensive counselling service and Mind/Body Programme for patients and SIMS IVF is a training institute of the Royal College of Surgeons.

Peninsula - Opportunities for Qualified Counsellors

Peninsula is a leading EAP provider in the UK. We are now looking to recruit a network of affiliate therapists across the UK and ROI.

We are looking for Counsellors, Psychotherapists, CBT Therapists and Critical Incident Stress De-briefers to join our network, providing Solution Focused Brief Therapy to our client base.

Therapists must hold a recognised qualification in a psychological therapy and be an accredited member of the BACP or equivalent or be eligible for accreditation.

Please contact Bod Cantwell on +44 161 8369012 or email bod.cantwell@peninsula-uk.com

Brí - Brain Injury - Free Information Day - Waterford

We will be holding a brain injury information day in Waterford for people with brain injury, family members, Carers, Health professionals and the general public on:

Wednesday, 19th September 2012

9:30am—5:00pm

Woodlands Hotel, Dunmore Road,

County Waterford

Topics at this event include:

Behavior and rehabilitation
Anatomy of the brain
Communication

This is a free event, lunch is provided. You must register to attend this event.

To register contact Brí, Independent Brain Injury Support & Advocacy on 01-2355501 or email info@briireland.ie

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