

To whom it may concern,

We are a group of qualified Adlerian Counsellors with Diplomas accredited through the U.K. We are and have always been members of the British Association of Counsellors and Psychotherapists. We are now working towards BACP accreditation. We would like to be represented in the introduction of Statutory Regulation for Counsellors and Psychotherapists.

We as a group sincerely welcome and support the initiative to introduce Statutory Regulation for counsellors and psychotherapists practicing in the Republic of Ireland. We believe passionately that practicing Counsellors and Psychotherapists should be qualified to the minimum standards for both areas of practice as proposed by the proposed Regulating body.

We hope these new Regulation will allow us to continue to be employed in this area in the future. We would propose you consider using a Diploma qualification with professional membership of a body to be the minimum standard for counsellors and psychotherapists practicing in the Republic of Ireland. We also would propose you allow mutual recognition for bodies outside the Republic of Ireland such as but not limited to the BACP and IACP on an equal standing basic. Finally we would like to continue to be represented by the BACP and continue our professional development as guided by the Adlerian Society & Institute of Individual Psychology and the British Association of Counsellors and Psychotherapists.

Regards

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Representing a group of Adlerian Counsellors