

Terms of Reference

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Psychological Practitioners Community of Practice (PP CoP)

1. Purpose

This is a group of individuals with common areas of practice and shared development needs, who come together to enable a process of professional support through collaboration and sharing of learning-related ideas, skills and experience.

The aim of this community of practice is to bring together committed individuals who have a desire to work collaboratively to learn, share and build the capacity and voice of its members.

- Exploration of issues
- Review of recent developments, products and practices
- Group training or professional development
- Peer support
- Discussion of research and development relating to an area of practice
- Exchange of ideas

The terms of reference are to be reviewed bi-annually.

2. Aims and objectives

- Keep up to date with and participate in leading best practice
- Identifying potential areas for research and development
- Peer network to build capability of less experienced practitioners
- Provide opportunities to demonstrate best practice employed within individual organisations
- Provide a facilitated communication channel
- Provide a mutual support network for solo practitioners
- Provide a system of support and ongoing professional development for individuals
- Support and encourage the development and extension of specialist knowledge

3. Scope

A space and voice for Psychological Practitioners: Psychological Wellbeing Practitioners (PWPs), Children's Wellbeing Practitioners (C(Y)WPs), Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHPs) and Mental Health Wellbeing Practitioners (MHWPs) to collate, as well as to, disseminate information.

4. Accountability

Chairing Model

- The PP CoP utilises a Co-Chair Model – with one Chair from each of the four roles
- The Chairs hold overall responsibility for ensuring the group achieves its purpose and objectives effectively and efficiently
- Coordinate meetings and contribute to discussion
- Coordinate yearly evaluation, as per PPN CoP Guidance
- Report to the PPN NW Co-Chairs and the PPN NW WFC
- Chair elections held every two years. Chairs can stand for re-election.

Administrator Support – PPN NW

- Supports the Chairs and provides administrative support to the group in pursuit of its purpose and objectives
- Set up the technology needed for the meeting
- Takes minutes
- Organises meetings and circulate agendas and papers
- Maintains mailing list centrally within PPN NW

Group Members

- Contribute to the effective and efficient achievement of the team's purpose and objectives
- Contribute to and/or take the lead on tasks in the Action Tracker
- Provide timely comment on draft meeting record, papers and submissions

Experts by Experience

- The CoP is committed to engaging with Experts by Experience (EbE), as appropriate.

5. Membership

All persons training or qualified in one of the four Psychological Practitioner Professions and a member of the NW PPN is eligible to register onto the Psychological Practitioner Community of Practice mailing list

Other interested parties i.e. Service Managers without training/qualification but with an interest in the Psychological Practitioner roles or Psychological Practitioners from roles current not subject to registration/in pilot stages are requested to submit an expression of interest to join via the Co-Chairs

6. Frequency and Mode

Meeting will be advertised via the mailing list.

A variety of formats and technologies will be utilised to facilitate meetings.

Meetings will be scheduled at different times to cater for the variety of availabilities.