



Volunteer Counsellor Placement Information

Placement commitment

We ask you to make a commitment of two years with us. Days and times of practice are dependent on room availability. The maximum client case load is three consecutive hours, every week on the same day and time. We offer day and evening slots.

Client group

Our clients are aged 18 and over and are expected to self-refer to the Centre. We are a low-cost service with a sliding scale of fees from £15 to £35 per session. We offer counselling for up to one year, or short term, as appropriate.

You will be working with a wide and varied range of issues. All potential clients undergo a comprehensive assessment. We will ensure, as far as possible, that we allocate clients to you within your level of clinical competence.

Supervision

We provide two hours' group supervision every other week. We expect 80 per cent attendance. Groups are mixed modality of up to four counsellors. As WWC plus holds clinical responsibility for our clients, you are not permitted to take client material to external supervisors, or to your training provider. The cost of supervision is £30 per month and you will need to set up a monthly direct debit.

You will need to attend two supervisions before you are allocated a client. A further two clients will subsequently be allocated.

Team meetings and training

We hold three team meetings a year. We aim to offer three in-house training events a year. We expect 80 per cent attendance. All counsellors are required to attend a domestic abuse awareness workshop, which is delivered by our domestic abuse service co-ordinator.

Personal therapy

We expect you to be in personal therapy before you start your placement.

DBS checks

If you don't have a current enhanced DBS check, we will need to arrange to do this for you before you can see clients. This is free but does incur an admin fee from the DBS service.

Membership of a professional body

We work within the BACP ethical framework for the counselling professions. We require you to be a member of the BACP, or another recognised, professional organisation.

Support

We value our service and our counsellors. We will do our best to support you during your time with us