



UK HEALERS - Quality Criteria

Continuing Professional Development

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Also known as Continuing Personal & Professional Development. This document defines the minimum requirements to be set by an Accredited Membership Organisation of UK Healers for their Healer Members.

CPD has many uses for Healers:

- To maintain and enhance their knowledge, skills and competence
- To improve client or patient care and welfare through increased understanding and the development of new skills
- To contribute to the development of healing as a whole and to improve the nature and status of healing
- Spiritual self development

CPD is an on-going lifelong process of learning from the point of basic qualification. It is related to the healer's specific therapy and its issues, which enable them to work in a "professional" manner. It involves activities which facilitate the progress of their own and healing's credibility and identity.

CPD can be undertaken on a daily basis, through informal activities between healers. Regularly, via structured guided activities either on an individual or group basis. Intermittently, by attendance at formal events such as conferences or courses. Continually, through reflection on and in practice.

CPD can be undertaken in the clinic while seeing a patient, on the telephone, in e-mails or faxes, in communication with one or more colleagues, by post, in group settings, small informal meetings or large formal events, on the Internet, in the library, at home or in education establishments.

Healers should undertake CPD to a level and rigour that is commensurate with the environment in which they practice or intend to practice healing. This may range from a formal approach utilising a forward plan of activity and daily log for those healers who charge for their services or work within the medical profession to an informal approach for occasional, volunteer healers where, perhaps annually, they should think about how their development can proceed and make plans for this, at least ensuring that they keep up with environmental requirements of healers.

The aim is for healers to achieve an ever-increasing understanding of themselves, the environment in which they give healing, their knowledge, skills and healing ability.