



UK HEALERS - Quality Criteria

Introduction and Definitions

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This document contains an introduction to UK Healers, the Quality Criteria documents and defines some terms that are used within the Quality Criteria documents.

1. UK Healers Purpose

The professional standard setting and accreditation body for spiritual healing organisations, training and practice.

It administers standards and a practitioner register of members of accredited healing organisations intended to:

- Provide safe, appropriate and effective practice of Spiritual Healing by Registered UK Healers.
- Protect the public and instil public confidence.
- Ensure that any complaints against Registered Healers are dealt with thoroughly.
- Operate as a network and forum for healing organisations in the UK.

2. The Quality Criteria

The following minimum criteria have been established to ensure that this purpose is met when the public use the services of a healer member of an organisation currently accredited by UK Healers.

Membership: This defines the criteria for membership so that suitable and responsible people are selected for training and healer membership.

Training: This defines the knowledge and skills to be taught over a minimum two-year period so that healers, Registered with UK Healers, are competent and fulfil their duty of care towards those to whom they give healing.

Assessment: This defines how the knowledge and skills acquired by students will be assessed before a student is allowed to qualify as a Registered UK Healer so that they will administer safe, appropriate and effective healing.

Code of Conduct: This defines and identifies good practice and appropriate behaviour for healers so that members of the public are protected when they are given healing.

Complaints: This defines the procedure to be adopted in the event that someone wishes to make a formal complaint against a Registered UK Healer so that all complaints are investigated promptly and effectively.

Disciplinary: This defines the procedure that will be followed by UK Healers during investigation of a complaint so that high standards within spiritual healing are maintained and the integrity of healing is protected.

Healing organisations may implement more stringent quality criteria for their members.



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3. Definition of terms

In the UK Healers' quality criteria some terms are used with specific meanings. These are detailed below:

Spiritual Healing (also simply expressed as healing):

The channelling of healing energy through the hands and/or with thought. It does not include massage, manipulation, the use of instruments, drugs or other remedies, or the practice of clairvoyance or psychic surgery. It does include Distant or Absent Healing.

Channelling of healing energy: The flow or transmission of healing energy through the healer.

Accredited Member Organisation: This is a member organisation that has met or exceeded UK Healers standards.

Member Organisations: These healing organisations have associated with UK Healers either directly or through an umbrella organisation. In order for its members to become Registered Healers, an organisation's own standards will have been inspected and accredited by UK Healers to confirm that they meet or exceed the minimum standards set by UK Healers. Healing organisations will comprise at least 10 healer members.

Registered UK Healer (Registered Healer): An Approved Healer Member of an organisation that is currently accredited by UK Healers and whose details are on the UK Healers Register of Practitioners. Registration is always via a Member Organisation. Healers may not be registered with UK Healers directly.

Approved Healer: A member of a healing organisation that has met that organisation's standards for healer membership.

Trainee Healer (can also be termed Student or Probationer Healer): A healer under training within a healing organisation that is accredited by UK Healers. Trainee healers may only give healing to the general public while under supervision.

Supervisor (or Sponsor or Mentor): The person responsible for supervision of a Trainee healer throughout their two-year training and development programme.

Trainer: The person responsible for the proper training of a Trainee Healer.

Diagnosis: The art or act of identifying a medical condition or disease from its signs and symptoms. Investigation or analysis of the cause or nature of a medical condition, situation or problem.

Patient/Client: The person who is receiving Spiritual Healing (referred to as Patient throughout this document).