

## ONLINE PROFESSIONAL GUIDELINES

From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009 it has been a statutory requirement for qualified psychologists to be registered with the **Health & Care Professions Council (HCPC)**. Please see the following website regarding the HCPC guidance and the registration process post qualification:

- <http://www.hcpc-uk.org/>

The HCPC website also publishes standards relating to professional practice including:

- Standards of proficiency – Practitioner psychologists
- Standards of conduct, performance and ethics
- Standards of education and training

and guidance documents which include:

- Guidance on health and character
- Guidance on conduct and ethics for students
- Confidentiality – guidance for registrants
- A disabled person's guide to becoming a health professional
- Guidance about CPD
- Guidance about complaints and raising concerns

**The British Psychological Society (BPS)** produces policy and guideline documents in connection with different areas of psychology. These are available online at <http://www.bps.org.uk> and include:

- General guidelines & policy documents
- Practice guidelines & policy documents
- Research guidelines & policy documents

**The Division of Clinical Psychology (DCP)** website - <http://www.bps.org.uk/networks-and-communities/member-microsite/division-clinical-psychology> - also publishes Good Practice Guidance and Advice and Guidance. THE DCP has evolved and no longer exists in its traditional form. It has become the ACP- Association of Clinical Psychologists

The **National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE)** is an independent organisation responsible for providing national guidance on health issues (<http://www.nice.org.uk>).

The **National Collaborating Centre for Mental Health (NCCMH)** is one of seven centres established by NICE and is responsible for developing mental health guidelines specifically. It is a partnership between the Royal College of Psychiatrists and the British Psychological Society (<https://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/members/nccmh.aspx>).