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Information for Clients



The counsellors at Hope Park Counselling Centre aim to provide a high quality counselling service. Their work is reviewed regularly and they receive supervision.

It is hoped that complaints about an individual counsellor or about the way the service is delivered can be resolved with the counsellor or, if appropriate, with the Practice Development Manager.

What to do if you have a complaint?

If difficulties arise in the relationship with a counsellor or with Hope Park Counselling Centre, clients are encouraged to discuss these with their counsellor in the first instance. If these difficulties cannot be resolved, a complaints procedure is in place.

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Clients are encouraged to:

- Reflect on what has happened to ensure they have legitimate grounds for complaint. Clients may wish to consult with someone from outside the service for this.
- Record, in writing or audio recording, a short account of the complaint.
- Attempt to address the complaint and resolve the matter with their counsellor, or with the Practice Development Manager.

If this is unsatisfactory, the next step is to use The University of Edinburgh Complaints procedure. More information about this can be found at:

<u>www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/student-academic-services/public-complaints-procedure</u>

COSCA (Counselling and Psychotherapy in Scotland) which is the professional organisation for counselling can also help in matters relating to counesllors' professional conduct. More information about this can be found at:

www.cosca.org.uk

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How to contact us

- Phone us on: 0131 650 6696 If there is no-one available to take your call there is an answering machine for messages.
- Or email us at: counselling@hopepark.org.uk

More detailed information can be found on our website www.hopepark.org.uk

If you require this document in an alternative format such as large print, Braille, etc, please contact us at the above address.