

I am a clinical psychologist (CP) working in the government, specialized in assessment of children presenting with various developmental problems. I understand that the Accredited Register (AR) Scheme for CPs proposed by HKPS-DCP and I would like to express my keen support to establishing the AR scheme for CP.

From my work experience, I have encountered some cases with the unlucky experience of being improperly assessed and treated! Not just losing the money, but also received wrong diagnosis and delayed the appropriate treatment for the children. This often leads to confusions and misunderstanding of the children's presenting difficulties, and parents are often very much frustrated in the process.

To ensure protection of the public that may not even be aware of the AR scheme at the moment, we need a robust regime in place to ensure the quality of clinical psychologists. I truly appreciate the effort of the HKPS-DCP in trying to balance this need and to ensure inclusiveness to those already practicing in the field.

While it is far from ideal that clients in need often need to wait for a long time to gain access to the clinical psychological services in the public sector, I believe it is absolutely not the right solution to just lower the standard to increase the number of clinical psychologists. Indeed, because the demand for the service is huge, it shows the significance of our service and thus no further delay to the implementation of the scheme is acceptable. I hope we could really gather the momentum to get the right things done, even though there are some opposing views - views that, in my opinion, are trying to steer the process in their desired direction that may not best serve the interest of the general public.

I here once again to express my strong view of supporting the current AR scheme proposed by HKPS-DCP to be implemented as soon as possible.

Regards

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