

Submission from Miss Joann TEO

I strongly support the AR proposal drafted by HKPS-DCP to uphold a high level of professional standard in the accreditation criteria, including on-site supervision. As a clinical psychology trainee, I have directly benefited from such supervision approach and I support on-site supervision as an essential part of clinical training. It is rather challenging for a trainee who is without clinical experience to manage cases independently. Clinical supervisors are on-site clinical psychologists who are familiar with their roles and job duties. The presence of clinical supervisors does not only provide the trainees a good opportunity to observe and learn from their conceptualizations and management of cases, but also to learn from their passions, values and professional responsibilities as a clinical psychologist. Through these observations, feedbacks and reflections, trainees could make progress and grow as an independent clinical psychologist. Most importantly, the presence of on-site clinical supervisors could protect the welfare of patients in the sense that the clinical supervisors are the one who are mainly responsible for every patient.