

To whom may concern:

I am a clinical psychology trainee from CUHK. I am writing to support the latest consultation documents of the Accredited Register (AR) Scheme for CPs, which is submitted by the Division of Clinical Psychology (DCP) of Hong Kong Psychological Society (HKPS).

In order to protect public health in Hong Kong, it is utmost important to uphold the professional standard of the quality of CPs. I have been in the in the mental health field for years since my first job. Across my experiences in work and the current study, I met numerous people with mental needs. Many of them lacked of knowledge about professional clinical psychological services, and therefore were misled by cleverly named service providers who claimed themselves as therapists and professional. They even suffered loss of time, money, and psychological health when they received the unqualified services. Therefore, for protecting people in psychological needs, which is uncompromisable in professionalism, the AR scheme should not delay any more.

As a clinical psychology trainee, on-site supervision provided by qualified CPs who are working and experienced in the setting is of vital importance for my training in clinical skills, clinical management, and application of knowledge. Therefore, upholding high standards of accreditation criteria, including on-site supervision, is undoubtedly vital.

From my point of view, the latest consultation documents of the AR Scheme for CPs drafted by DCP have struck a balance between upholding market standard and offering industry inclusiveness. The existing draft proposal is already very inclusive given the various pathways non-local graduates could enter the programme

I agree with the Government to introduce a voluntary AR Scheme to cover the non-statutorily regulated healthcare professions. Given that mental health is an important subject in today's society, we believe that the AR scheme should be launched ASAP.

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