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Dear Sir,

Pilot Accredited Registers Scheme for Healthcare Professions

I write to support the Accredited Register Scheme for clinical psychologists.

I know people with psychological disorders. Most of them are reluctant to seek help or treatment especially from psychiatrists because of the fear of labelling effect. Seeing clinical psychologists would be more acceptable to many of them since they would appear to be less problematic. However, unlike psychiatrists, there is no way the public can tell whether anyone who claims to be a clinical psychologist or other similar title are in fact fully qualified to provide the necessary psychological therapy and treatment for the people in need. It would be a big loss to a patient when he eventually finds out that the alleged professional psychologist is in fact not well qualified and people will not get any quality therapy or treatment after paying a large sum of consultation fees.

I strongly support the Accredited Register Scheme of clinical psychologists.

Regards,

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