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Health Panel of LEGCO,

I am a retired A level Psychology teacher. I have been waiting for a formal accreditation registration of Clinical Psychologist for many years and it is heartening to hear that finally there is some serious movement in that direction, however, it is met with some objections. I'd like to give my support for the move.

I think that clinical psychology, unlike other professions, only academic learning is not enough, supervised practical experience is essential. It is important to learn how to apply what is learned to actual situations. As I know some clinical psychology courses do not require supervision, so it is important that to get an accredited registration, such requirements be included. Teachers and doctors require supervision before they can practice so it is reasonable that clinical psychologists have such requirements too.

There is a call for a less stringent requirement for accreditation because there are not enough Clinical Psychologists. I do not agree to such a suggestion. The registration is to help clients to choose a reliable psychologist when they need help. If the accreditation requirements are loose, it is not a reliable guide to distinguish a well trained practitioner from one that is not. What use is it then?

Steps are provided for those who do not have the proper training to meet the requirements and I think it is fair that they should take those steps to ensure they have the proper skills and knowledge to treat their clients effectively. I believe that effective clinical psychologists can benefit many people but poorly trained ones can let opportunities for improvements slip away.

I hope that accredited registration of clinical psychologists can be implemented soon so we can choose help from appropriate professionals easier soon.

If possible, please forward this letter to relevant parties. Thank you.

Regards
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