

## Consumer Rights and Responsibilities

## Clients have the right to:

- 1. receive professional, courteous, and caring services that respect and appreciate individual differences.
- 2. receive adequate and accurate information about the services provided in order to make informed choices about participating in counselling.
- 3. receive evidence-based, flexible, and responsive counselling that meets their individual needs and circumstances from qualified and supervised practitioners.
- 4. participate in and contribute to decision-making in their care and management as appropriate.
- 5. have their personal privacy respected and confidentiality protected to the greatest extent permitted by law.
- 6. access any personal and other information held for the provision of services and correct any incorrect information as permitted by law.
- 7. make a complaint about a service or their counselling experience, with the expectation that the complaint will be investigated confidentially and without fear of affecting decisions related to their professional services; and
- 8. receive the full attention of their counsellor at all times during the counselling session.

## Responsibility:

- be respectful to Counsellors and other Kind Grey staff;
- not record or disseminate material obtained during contact with a Counsellor; and
- not use a service for a purpose for which it was not intended.

To the best of their ability and according to their circumstances, clients:

- must provide accurate information necessary for the provision of a service.
- must be in a fit state (not under the influence of drugs or alcohol) when engaging with services.
- should follow the reasonable instructions of a counsellor in managing their safety and the safety of others; and
- should only engage with services when it is safe to do so (e.g. not while driving).