Health and Care Professionals' Council (HCPC)



guidelines

- The HCPC have a set of guidelines in place to ensure safe and effective practice by psychologists when making decisions about treatments and care.
- A psychologist must be registered with the HCPC to be employed and must re-register every 2 years.
- There are specific guidelines for different types of practitioners.
- It is important hat they seek advice from others to justify decisions that they make.

15 Guidelines:

1. Be able to practise safely and effectively within their scope of practice
2. Be able to practise within the legal and ethical boundaries of their profession
3. Be able to maintain fitness to practise
4. Be able to practise as an autonomous professional, exercising their own professional judgement
5. Be aware of the impact of culture, equality and diversity on practice
6. Be able to practise in a non-discriminatory manner
7. Understand the importance of and be able to maintain confidentiality
8. Be able to communicate effectively
9. Be able to work appropriately with others
10. Be able to maintain records appropriately
11. Be able to reflect on and review practice
12. Be able to assure the quality of their practice
13. Understand the key concepts of the knowledge base relevant to their profession
14. Be able to draw on appropriate knowledge and skills to inform practice
15. Understand the need to establish and maintain a safe practice environment