

National Redress Scheme – tip sheet

NATIONAL REDRESS SCHEME FOR ADULT SURVIVORS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IN INSTITUTIONS: REGISTERING ON THE DIRECTORY

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The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse recommended a Redress Scheme for Adult Survivors Of Child Sexual Abuse in Institutions, including a component of psychological services.

The Royal Commission's report concluded that the Better Access scheme is not suitable to deliver the therapy for the Redress scheme. Therefore, this scheme will operate independently of Better Access.

Instead, a national register of the people with the qualifications, skills and experience in providing this counselling and therapy has been established. It is called the Trauma Support Providers' Directory, and will:

- function as a directory of all professionals and organisations able to provide this kind of therapy, regardless of whether the person who will be using the service has received funding under the redress scheme
- feature a range of mental and allied health professions
- be searchable by location, profession and mode of delivery
- contain a section dedicated to organisations who provide this form of service with links to those organisations
- contain a separate section for private practitioners who are able to provide this services.

GUIDE TO THE REGISTRATION PROCESS

The directory will list a range of mental health professionals who have qualifications, experience and expertise working with people who have experienced complex trauma. The registration process and the criteria against which professionals are assessed will be the same for all professions, and therefore, in some instances the criteria and process may need an explanation.

Listing on the Directory is via a three step process:

1. Self-assessment,
2. Registration and
3. Approval process.

Step 1: Self-assessment.

To be listed on the Directory, all professionals must meet a set of accreditation standards. If you wish to register you will be asked to assess yourself against multiple criteria concerning qualifications, experience, specialist professional development and continuing supervision. Professional registration and membership is also an important element of accreditation, but the actual form this takes varies between professions: Once you have assessed your capacity, you will need to make a declaration that the information being provided is true and correct.

The accreditation criteria for inclusion on the Directory are:

A.

Inclusion in the Blue Knot database

Or

1. Have a recognised health qualification - minimum undergraduate level
2. Registration with relevant professional body for those professions regulated by AHPRA*
3. Membership of relevant professional association for self-regulating professions**
4. Minimum of 3 years' professional experience delivering clinical services to adults affected by complex trauma
5. Specific qualifications or completed professional development in relation to clinical skills for treatment of complex trauma
6. Specific qualifications or completed professional development in relation to skills and competencies in the delivery of trauma-informed approaches

AND

- B. 7. Willingness to undertake CPD relevant to complex trauma and/or trauma-informed approaches
8. Receive 10 hours peer consultation per annum related to your practice in complex trauma
9. Have a current network of appropriate community referral sources

Notes:

*Accredited Mental Health Social Workers are still eligible to register even though this item does not apply.

** Accredited Mental Health Social Workers automatically meet this criterion.

Having assessed yourself against these criteria, you will be asked to read and affirm a declaration about the operations of the Directory, the obligations on you as a provider and the privacy policy.

Step 2: Registration.

You will affirm that your assessment is true and correct, and that you have read the declaration. You will be required to supply your membership number and upload a copy of your membership certificate. The website manager will check each certificate and only applications with a certificate will be processed.

You will also be asked to submit your details to create your professional profile which will be available to the public. This will include information related to your general contact details, practice location/s, and a detailed description about your expertise and ways of working with people affected by complex trauma.

Step 3: Approval.

You will receive an email with login details to access your personal Practitioner Dashboard to make any necessary changes to your personal details and professional profile.

Upon signing the declaration, it will be your responsibility to maintain your eligibility to be listed on the Directory. Approval is for a 12 month period only; at the end of which you will need to re-affirm your eligibility and resubmit your registration.

EXTRA RESOURCES

The website will contain resources providing guides to assist with maintaining eligibility, such as:

- Effective treatment of complex trauma: summary of the evidence
- Documents prepared for the Royal Commission: Summary of Key Reports

- A selection of Fact sheets on different experiences of institutional child sexual abuse
 - Care leavers
 - Child Migrants
 - Religious institutions
- Particular groups impacted by institutional child sexual abuse
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
 - People with a disability
 - Cultural and linguistically diverse people

- Referral pathways
- Reflective practice tool for ongoing professional development related to complex trauma

The website will also contain resources to assist practitioners write the description for the Directory

- Trauma-informed care and practice language for clinicians
- Brief for clinicians with information to complete for Directory

For practitioners who don't currently meet the criteria but would like to undertake training in relation to complex trauma, the website will provide a link to a list of organisations providing training in relation working with people affected by complex trauma.