

BPC Covid-19 GUIDELINES 3

Training

Since the onset of 'lockdown', trainings are delivering training remotely. It has already been agreed that the trainee's own training therapy, and their existing training cases, can continue remotely and this will be accepted by BPC as part of their training requirement. As in every situation, if the trainers consider that the trainee has reached the required standard, they have the authority to qualify them even if they have not completed all the course requirements.

Since the first training guidelines, where it was expected that trainees should wait until they can see new training patients in person, it has become evident that the timescale is much longer than was foreseen, and that periods of 'lockdown' may well be a recurring pattern. Therefore, in these circumstances, it is possible for trainees to begin their training cases remotely. Trainers, having taken into account the trainee's individual situation, the assessment of the potential training case and the specific setting issues which may pertain to the particular situation, have the discretion to allow trainees to take new training cases.

1] The trainee's own training therapy, and their existing training cases which are continued remotely, will be accepted by BPC as part of their training requirement.

2] New training cases can be started remotely.

All Clinical Work

Clinicians performance are [largely] having either to work remotely or to stop working. Discussions and theoretical explorations of the effects of this, and the pandemic, will be ongoing.

The BPC's position is that normally, clinical work should involve the patient and therapist in the same room, and that the setting should be consistent and reliable. However, in atypical situations, clinicians have to reach an individual decision about varying this normal practice, taking into account the various factors in that individual situation.

In this atypical situation, clinicians will have to reach their own decisions about whether, and how, to carry on working, and whether, and when, to see patients in person. BPC strongly recommends that government guidelines about the correct social distance [2 metres] are followed, and that registrants remain aware of the updated general government guidelines.