

GENERAL ELECTIONS 2019 - JOINT MANIFESTO SUBMISSION

The BPC (British Psychoanalytic Council), together with BACP (British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy) and UKCP (UK Council for Psychotherapy), have joined together as three of the leading counselling and psychotherapy organisations to call on the next Government to make three key commitments:

1. A national strategy to improve choice, availability and access to counselling and psychotherapy for all with adequate funding matched by the delivery of a range of longer-term and shorter-term talking therapies to make the principle of choice a reality.
2. Expanding access to psychotherapeutic approaches through the expansion of the NHS psychological professions workforce and the establishment of a Chief Psychological Professions Officer;
3. Extending VAT exemption to all qualified, registered and accredited psychotherapists and counsellors to remove a needless barrier to people accessing care and to address the unfair treatment between physical and mental health and between mental health practitioners.

The full Manifesto can be [accessed here](#)