To support and promote clinical psychology, working collaboratively with people who use our services and wider communities to improve wellbeing and to promote the unique contribution of clinical psychology that cannot be replicated by other approaches.
The Division of Clinical Psychology (DCP) promotes the professional interests of Clinical Psychologists across the UK and works to promote and develop clinical psychology as a profession and as a body of knowledge and skills. As well as enhancing psychological knowledge and understanding for the benefit of the UK population.

The division aims to have a strong voice, based on psychological science, informed policy, standards and workforce issues in the new political climate and leads the way on standards for psychological services.
English Branches

The DCP Branches exist to support members at a local level by creating networking opportunities in the form of training and workshops, influencing local issues, disseminating best practice and acting as an interface within the DCP and other subgroups.

**East Midlands**
The Branch represents the views and interests of the members in this area and includes clinical psychologists, trainee and assistant psychologists. They meet quarterly to discuss relevant issues for the Branch and its members.

Members who live and/or work within the following postcodes are supported by this Branch: DE, LE, LN, NG, NN.

**East of England**
The Branch is active in providing relevant CPD events to its members. They are influential in workforce planning issues and plan to work closely with the service users in the area.

Members who live and/or work within the following postcodes are supported by this Branch: AL, CB, CO, CM, IP, LU, NR, PE, RM, SS, SG.

**London**
The Branch aims to foster the personal and professional growth of its members through the provision of relevant CPD events that support the continual development of service and delivery across all sectors.

Members who live and/or work within the following postcodes are supported by this Branch: E1–E99, EC, EN, HA, IG, N1–N99, NW, SE, SW, TW, UB, W1–W99, WC.

**North East**
The newly re-launched Branch promotes clinical psychology locally and supports members via events.

Members who live and/or work within the following postcodes are supported by this Branch: DH, DL, NE, SR, TS.

**North West**
The Branch aims to represent the membership at professional forums in the area and acts as a resource for CPD, offers advice to members and holds professional meetings and an annual conference.

Members who live and/or work within the following postcodes are supported by this Branch: BB, BL, CA, CH, CW, FY, IM, L1–L99, LA, M1–M99, OL, PR, SK, WA, WN.
South Central
The Branch represents the views and interests of its members. It promotes the professional and scientific aims of the DCP within the region, and supports the financing, planning and delivery of training events which contribute to this.

Members who live and/or work within the following postcodes are supported by this Branch: HP, MK, OX, PO, RG, SL, SO, WD.

South East Coast
The aim of our branch is to improve the wellbeing and health of people living in Kent, Surrey and Sussex through supporting and promoting the application of and innovations in psychological science without allegiance to any one health, social care or training provider.

Members who live and/or work within the following postcodes are supported by this Branch: BN, BR, CR, CT, DA, GU, KT, ME, RH, SM, TN.

South West
The Branch promotes clinical psychology locally and is active in organising and running CPD workshops and events for the benefit of its members.

Members who live and/or work within the following postcodes are supported by this Branch: BA, BH, BS, DT, EX, GL, GY, JE, PL, SN, SP, TA, TR, TQ.

West Midlands
The Branch influences national strategy and supports subsidised local CPD for the profession that reflects local needs and collaborates with the Regional Heads of Services when possible on strengthening advisory systems. It also offers free access to our local CPD events.

Members who live and/or work within the following postcodes are supported by this Branch: B1–B99, CV, DY, HR, ST, SY, TF, WR, WS, WV.

Yorkshire & Humber
The Branch is committed to supporting local training events. There is cross-representation with the Heads of Department group, all three Yorkshire Doctoral training courses’, Hull, Sheffield and Leeds as well as the regional Post Qualification training committee.

Members of the DCP who live and/or work within the following postcodes are supported by this Branch: BD, DN, HD, HG, HU, HX, LS, S1–S99, WF, YO.

Branches map overleaf
Nations

DCP Scotland, DCP Northern Ireland and DCP Wales provide support to members at a national level by identifying the needs of members and promoting good practice through training opportunities, guidance and the development and implementation of policy.

Northern Ireland
DCPNI provides valuable support to members and to the profession in Northern Ireland.

We are here to support our members and to support professional practice and development needs of our members and to develop and deliver annual training and CPD programmes relevant to professional and clinical practice.

Wales
We promote good practice through training, guidance to our members, identify and meet the needs of the DCP members in Wales. We contribute to the development and implementation of public policy and lead the profession in Wales in demonstrating the values of clinical psychology in health and social care at strategic and societal level.

Scotland
DCP-S serves to represent the views of DCP members in Scotland. We work to promote clinical psychology and psychological services in Scotland as well as to enhance psychological knowledge and understanding for the benefit of the population of Scotland.

DCP-S works closely with a number of organisations including the NHS, Scottish Government, DCP-UK and groups in the voluntary sector.
Faculties

The DCP Faculties exist to further members’ specialist interests and help and support them in their chosen field of clinical psychology by keeping them informed with the latest news and updates, offering professional guidance, producing publications and holding regular workshops, study days and conferences.

Addictions
The Faculty fosters effective psychological services and practise for people with addictions. It aims to raise awareness of psychological issues in addiction, facilitates communication and support among psychologists and other professionals working in this field and promotes psychological research which enhances the lives of people affected by addictions. Benefits include an active discussion list and at least two CPD days each year.

Children, Young People & their Families (CYPF)
The Faculty promotes the value of applied psychological principles and research to the world outside the profession. Supporting members to deliver high quality psychologically informed services for children, young people and their families that have a positive impact on them throughout their lifespan. They publish an annual review each year and hold an annual conference and a number of CPD days.

Clinical Health
The Faculty promotes the professional and scientific work of members, with an interest in people with physical health problems and disability, raises awareness of good clinical practice, current research, and service issues. Benefits include study days accessible to psychologists of all levels of experience, an advice and support network which is easily accessible to individual psychologists working in the field of physical health and disability in the form of a membership discussion list.

Eating Disorders
The Faculty aims to provide professional support for those in the field of eating disorders, promote sharing and collaboration with other professional bodies such as the Royal College of Psychiatry and contribute and respond to relevant policy documents. Benefits of belonging to the faculty include an active discussion list as well as free and low cost events throughout the year.

Forensic
The Faculty supports the development of clinical psychology within forensic settings by promoting the highest standards in practice, in the application of professional education and knowledge of forensic
clinical problems. They disseminate knowledge of applications and research to promote effective services and influence planning of services and policy in relation to forensic clinical psychology. Benefits include scientific meetings, opportunities for exchange of information and mutual support for clinical psychologists working within forensic settings.

**Holistic**

The Faculty aims to increase awareness of a holistic approach within psychology and support its development, critical evaluation and adoption by practitioners to increase knowledge and understanding in this field. Benefits include the dissemination of information via conferences and meetings at national and regional level, support and guidance for practitioners wishing to adopt a holistic approach, and the circulation of an electronic newsletter.

**Leadership & Management**

The Faculty helps managers and leaders of psychological services exchange information and opinion and to seek views of colleagues about services, policy implementation, employment and other matters. The Faculty exists for those who have an interest in management, leadership and service delivery issues. Benefits include an email discussion list that alerts members to new policy and guidance produced by the DoH, NIHCE and other bodies, enables the coordination of responses to consultations in addition to putting on free and low cost CPD events each year.

**Oncology & Palliative Care (SIGOPAC)**

The Faculty aims to promote a wider understanding of psychological work in oncology and palliative care settings by sharing information and supporting the interests of members in their activities. In addition they promote and support advances in psychosocial knowledge and research and raises awareness of cultural and other differences in oncology and palliative care. Benefits include a membership announcement list, an online discussion forum and reduced rates at the Faculty annual conference.

**People with Intellectual Disabilities**

The Faculty provides a forum for clinical psychologists with an interest in work with people with intellectual disabilities and fosters effective psychological services and practices for people with intellectual disabilities and their families or carers, which respect their rights, enhance their status and promote a positive image. The Faculty promotes awareness of current research, issues within the field and models of clinical practice at all levels of service provision, as well as within the profession, through conferences accessible to psychologists and others of all levels of experience. Benefits include conferences and events, briefing papers and policy documents and liaising with other agencies and professional groups.
Perinatal
The Faculty provides a forum primarily for members working with women who are pregnant, in labour, or in the postnatal period, and to their partners, children and extended family where appropriate. The Faculty supports the expansion of a knowledge base via training, research, and sharing examples of best practice.

Psychology of Older People
The Faculty provides a forum for psychologists with an interest in work with older people. It works to encourage the exchange of information, ideas and expertise about psychological approaches with older people. Publicising the importance of psychological issues in how we age, challenging stereotypes and age discrimination and supports members at local, national and international levels. Benefits include an annual conference, regular newsletter, briefing papers and guidance documents.

Psychosis & Complex Mental Health
The Faculty keeps members informed on any developments of interest in both central government, in the Society and the NHS and have a number of established networks to represent the different service settings which include but are not exhaustive of – Rehabilitation/Recovery/Inpatient/Crisis Resolution/Assertive Outreach and Early Intervention in Psychosis. Benefits include an annual conference, an active discussion list and quarterly newsletter.

Sexual Health & HIV
The Faculty fosters effective psychological services to people whose lives have been affected by HIV and Sexual Health issues and aims to raise awareness of psychological issues in this area by providing a forum for the presentation and discussion of issues. The Faculty facilitates communication and support among psychologists and other professionals working in the field by promoting psychological research and advising and influencing relevant organisations and policy. The Faculty issue a quarterly online newsletter and offer reduced fees for events.
Groups

Pre-Qualification Group
The Pre-Qualification Group (PQG) represent those who are on the journey to becoming clinical psychologists at both Pre-Training and In-Training levels of DCP membership; that is, assistant psychologists, research assistants, support workers, PhD students, honorary assistants and trainee clinical psychologists.

Benefits of membership include:
• Alternative Handbook of Training Courses.
• Opportunities to publish in the PQG column in the Clinical Psychology Forum.
• Discounted CPD and conferences relevant to pre-training.
• Dedicated symposia slots for members at the PQG Annual Conference.
• PQG bursaries to attend or present at events.
• Recognition of innovative research and practice through the PQG Award.
• Great networking opportunities and access to peer support across the UK.
• Work with the DCP and training courses to represent pre-training perspectives.
• Consultation on policies and guidance relevant to psychology graduates (e.g. internships, the accreditation of psychological services).

To find how to join the PQG or check whether you are already a member, see p12.

The PQG is also home to the Minorities in Clinical Psychology Training Group which is a sub-group of the PQG primarily existing to facilitate peer-support for people from black and minority ethnic communities, those who identify as lesbian gay bisexual or transsexual and individuals with disabilities and/or caring responsibilities on their pathway to the profession.

Group of Trainers in Clinical Psychology (GTiCP)
The GTiCP is a network for colleagues involved in delivering training programmes in clinical psychology across the UK. The Group have an email discussion list for members to discuss relevant issues and topics.
How to join the PQG or check whether you are already a member…

Are you a member of the BPS and a member of the DCP at ‘General (Pre-Training)’ or ‘In-Training’ grade?

Yes

Check and change your grade with the Society’s Membership Department:
t: 0116 252 9911
e: membership@bps.org.uk
(Please quote your BPS membership number)

You are automatically a member of the DCP Pre-Qualification Group at no extra charge!

No

To join the DCP PQG, you need to be a member of the Society and hold General (Pre-Training) or In-Training membership of the DCP.

For details of how to join the Society, please visit: www.bps.org.uk/membership

For an application form to join the DCP, please visit: www.bps.org.uk/professional-membership-groups

Don’t know
Join a DCP Network

**Branch membership:** Becoming part of a Branch automatically comes with your membership if you live in the UK. Branches exist for you to meet up and exchange ideas with others in your local geographic area.

**Faculty membership:** To join a faculty please visit the DCP website and download an application form: [www.bps.org.uk/dcp](http://www.bps.org.uk/dcp)

**Group membership:** To join a group please visit the DCP website for further information: [www.bps.org.uk/dcp](http://www.bps.org.uk/dcp)

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