

### **Supervisor vacancy – Voluntary position**

Hitchin Counselling Service (HCS) would be interested in hearing from a qualified counsellor/psychotherapist who may be looking for a supervision opportunity. We require applicants to be BACP accredited or registered with UKCP (or another professional body); to have experience of offering supervision or an interest in training as a supervisor/developing supervision skills and to have experience of long term therapy.

HCS is an established and professionally run Voluntary Organisation and an organisational member of BACP. The service offers free counselling to people in Hitchin and the surrounding villages and is aimed at those who are unlikely to be able to meet the cost of private counselling. The service offers both short and long term work: the length of this ranging from a few weeks to two or more years.

Everyone who “works” for the organisation does so voluntarily. Overall organisation and management is the responsibility of the Steering Group; clinical work is the responsibility of the counsellors and supervisors and the day to day running and administration is co-ordinated by administrators.

HCS organises two Training Events (CPD) a year, Spring and Autumn, using external trainers. These are free to current counsellors, supervisors, steering group and administrators of the organisation.

Each supervisor provides (free) fortnightly supervision to two counsellors, each of whom will be working with two or three clients a week. We have both qualified counsellors and trainees delivering the counselling service. Supervision is generally offered at the supervisor’s place of practice so location is a factor, though we are aware that many supervisees are prepared to travel some distance.

Supervisor meetings occur every 6 weeks to support supervisors in HCS and regular attendance is part of the role. There is also regular liaison between the Steering Group and Supervisors. Two training days a year are organised for members of the service.

For further information about HCS see our website:

[www.hitchincounsellingservice.org.uk](http://www.hitchincounsellingservice.org.uk)

If you would like further information or are interested in making an application to become a supervisor, please contact the HCS administrator via email: [hitchincounsellingservice@gmail.com](mailto:hitchincounsellingservice@gmail.com)