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Dear Dianne,

RE: Interim Psychotherapist Scope of Practice Consultation

The Board's consultation on the Interim Psychotherapist Scope of Practice (IPSP) has recently closed. This consultation sought the views of the profession and stakeholders on including the 5 year time limitation within the IPSP.

Limited submissions¹ were received which suggests that the profession is accepting of the proposed change. Following consideration and discussion the Board has agreed to move forward with gazetting the amended scopes of practice as proposed². This change will be gazetted as soon as practicable and be advertised to the profession in the next Board newsletter.

The Board has now asked the Registrar to write to the three (3) Associations³ approved to carry out Professional Development Pathway assessments and advise that:

It would be wise for students of psychotherapy following the Professional Development Pathway to consider registration with the Board *once* they know they can complete their training within 5 years.

To assist students the Board addresses 'students of psychotherapy' on its website and states that:

People who are enrolled in an approved course of psychotherapy may use the following term/s without being considered to be holding themselves out as psychotherapists.

- *psychotherapy student*
- *psychotherapy trainee*

Exceptional Circumstances

The Board has retained the discretion, on a case by case basis, to consider extending the 5 year time limit under exceptional circumstances.

¹ 3 submission

² In the Interim Psychotherapist Scope of Practice Consultation 2015

³ ANZSJA, NZACAP and NZAP

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The Board also understands that under administrative law (natural justice) any person may write to the Board requesting their case/individual circumstances⁴ be heard by the Board. Consideration of this request will take place as soon as practicable.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me on 04 9184727.

Kind regards



Jacquelyn Manley
Registrar
The Psychotherapists Board of Aotearoa New Zealand

⁴ and supporting evidence, which may include a request to meet with Board members.