

Accredited Registers Programme

Notification of Change

Summary of proposed changes

Notification of change from: [Play Therapy UK \(PTUK\)](#)

Once accreditation has been granted, a register must tell us of any significant changes it has made or plans to make that may affect whether it meets our [Standards for Accredited Registers](#). We will assess the change according to our [Notification of Change Process Guide](#). Part of this assessment includes a review of information received from anyone sharing their experience. Below is a summary of the proposed changes for consideration.

<p>Summary of Proposed Changes</p>	<p>Play Therapy UK (PTUK) registers practitioners who use play and creative arts therapies to help children and young people in need of support. PTUK registers practitioners under several titles that reflect their experience and type of work.</p> <p>PTUK registrants must complete a post graduate programme of training, conform to PTUK's Ethical Framework and carry out quality assurance procedures known as clinical governance, clinical supervision by a Clinical Supervisor and meet CPD standards. They also must pass enhanced safeguarding (DBS) checks and hold adequate professional indemnity and public liability insurance.</p> <p>PTUK proposes to create a new register title: <i>Certified Play and Creative Arts Counsellor for Adults.</i></p> <p>Practitioners holding the title will provide play and creative arts counselling to adults 'to enable them to access therapy which does not rely solely on verbal communication but where the play and creative arts counselling skills are the catalyst to talking, as they work from the unconscious and not conscious.'</p> <p>The title will be accessible to existing PTUK registrants who have first completed the Academy of Play and Child Psychotherapy's (APAC) Post Qualifying Certificate in Counselling Children and Young People Course. That course enables play therapists to use talking therapy with children and young people alongside creative arts media.</p> <p>PTUK registrants must complete APAC's Certificate in Creative Arts and Play Therapy Counselling with Adults to meet competencies set by PTUK and gain the new title.</p>
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	<p>Practitioners will remain subject to PTUK’s terms and conditions of registration, including complaints processes.</p> <p>PTUK does not consider that the new qualification and title will enable practitioners to work as general counsellors or psychotherapists.</p> <p>PTUK will publish information about the new role and title on the Register of Play and Creative Arts Therapists (playtherapyregister.org.uk) website.</p>
Main standards which may be affected	1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8
Proposed Timescales	PTUK would like to make these changes as soon as possible.