

Cruse Bereavement Care Relationship with the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy

Cruse Bereavement Care is an organisational member of BACP, which means that Cruse works within the BACP ethical framework.¹ Organisational members are required, from time to time, to confirm that they have specific procedures in place. Additionally, Cruse voluntarily provides additional information to BACP to keep the Association informed of Cruse service models; organisational members are not inspected.

The core service provided by Cruse Bereavement Care is bereavement support.² In common with some other organisational members, Cruse also provides counselling as one of a range of services; this service is called by its full title of bereavement counselling, to ensure that its purpose is clear. Other services for bereaved people include a national bereavement helpline, a message board for young people, email support, our website www.cruse.org.uk and general information about bereavement.

Student placements with Cruse are regulated by an internal standard (B17) and should be agreed between Cruse, the student and the training provider/accreditation body. It has been agreed with BACP that work with Cruse clients may be recorded towards the total of hours required for BACP accreditation, provided that the activity involved is bereavement counselling. This assumes that an assessment has taken place to establish that this is the appropriate service for the client(s) involved.

Counselling students working within Cruse Bereavement Care are expected to complete Cruse training, and to fulfil other requirements set out in the relevant standards for volunteering and for student placements. The establishment of each student placement is a matter of agreement between the management of the service concerned, the training provider and the student. The agreement should cover confidentiality issues, supervision to be provided and all other relevant matters. A Cruse supervisor will be identified who will take responsibility for the student's progress and liaise with the training provider.

Additionally there are other aspects of work with Cruse which BACP may be prepared to recognise for the purpose of Continuous Professional Development, evidence of which is required both for first time accreditation and subsequent maintenance. These might include, for example, contributing to training or serving on a Cruse committee. Individuals wishing to pursue this possibility should check that the activity is valid for this purpose.

Organisational membership of BACP is one of a number of quality frameworks used by Cruse Bereavement Care. It is maintained for the benefit and protection of our clients, and the development of our volunteers and staff.

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¹ http://www.bacp.co.uk/ethical_framework/

² *Bereavement Care in Practice*, Cruse Bereavement Care, November 2004