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Consent for service

Psychological Service

As part of providing a psychological service (assessment, counselling, treatment or program) you will receive, Dr Christie will need to collect and record personal information provided by you that is relevant to your current situation. This information will be a necessary part of the psychological assessment and treatment that is conducted. You do not have to give all your personal information, but if you don't, this may mean the psychological service may not be effective.

Purpose of collecting and holding information

The information is gathered as part of the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of the client's condition and is seen only by the psychologist. The information is retained in order to document what happens during sessions, and enables the psychologist to provide a relevant and informed psychological service.

Access to Client Information

At any stage you as a client are entitled to access to the information about you kept on file, unless the relevant legislation provides otherwise. The psychologist may discuss with you appropriate forms of access.

Confidentiality

All personal information gathered by the psychologist during the provision of the psychological service will remain confidential and secure except where:

1. It is subpoenaed by a court, or
2. Failure to disclose the information would place you or another person at serious and imminent risk; or
3. Your prior approval has been obtained to
 - a) provide a written report to another professional or agency. eg. a GP or a lawyer; or
 - b) discuss the material with another person, eg. a parent or employer; or if disclosure is otherwise required or authorised by law.

Fees

The cost of a 50 minute consultation is \$236.50 (unless another fee is negotiated). Trauma-focused therapy will often require some 90 min sessions at \$296.50. Fees are payable at the end of the session by cash, EFTPOS or credit card. If you have a referral under a Mental Health Care Plan from your GP, you may be eligible for a rebate of \$126.50 per session for up to 10 sessions.

Cancellation Policy

If, for some reason you need to cancel or postpone the appointment, please give me at least 24 hours notice, otherwise you may be charged the full cost for the session. You will not be entitled to a Medicare rebate.

Charter for Clients of Psychologists

The attached Charter explains your rights as a client of a psychologist.

I,..... (print name) have read and understood the above Consent Form. I agree to these conditions for the psychological service provided by Dr Alison Christie.

I consent to for Dr Alison Christie to release personal information to (my GP /psychiatrist / other subject to the following limitations (list if relevant).

Client signature Date

Dr Alison Christie Date



Charter for clients of APS psychologists

All psychologists are legally required to be registered in Australia, which means your psychologist is registered with the Psychology Board of Australia. Your psychologist is also a member of the Australian Psychological Society, the largest professional organisation for psychologists in Australia. These safeguards mean that your psychologist is properly trained and ensures that you receive high quality, ethical service.

As a client of an APS psychologist, you have a right to expect that:

1. You will be treated with respect at all times
2. Your cultural background and language tradition will be respected
3. You will be given a clear explanation of the services you will receive
4. You will be asked to give your consent for any service provided by your psychologist prior to the service commencing and as it progresses
5. You will receive an explanation about the confidentiality of the service and the exceptional situations where your confidentiality may not be protected
6. You will receive a clear statement about fees for your psychologist's services
7. There will be a discussion about the estimated number of sessions required to achieve your goals
8. You will receive skilled and professional services from your psychologist
9. There will be clear goals that you and your psychologist are working toward
10. You can ask any questions about the service you are receiving.

NOTE:

If you have any concerns about the above matters, discuss them with your psychologist. If you have concerns about the conduct of your psychologist, you may call either the Psychology Board of Australia on 1300 419 495, or the Australian Psychological Society on (03) 8662 3300.