UKCP Registration Via COSRT

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You may apply for UKCP registration if you are an Accredited Member of COSRT and meet the further criteria necessary for registration.

UKCP registrants are listed on the UKCP public register of psychotherapists. Registrants receive the quarterly UKCP magazine "The Psychotherapist". Please look at the UKCP website for further details of the benefits of registration with UKCP. Details of the application process are enclosed in this pack.

If you have any queries, please contact:

Anne Chilton Membership and Accreditation Representative or

Jo Coker Professional Standards Manager

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Criteria for Procedures for UKCP Registration

1. Introduction

- 1.1 COSRT is an organisational member of UKCP, which enables members who have the necessary standards of training and practice to be included on their Register. This Register is approved by the Professional Standards Authority, a government body appointed to oversee regulation of certain health care professions of which Psychotherapy is one.
- 1.2 UKCP Registration is a mark of excellence, highly regarded by employers and other psychotherapists. Before applying for registration applicants are advised to read document "The UKCP standards of education and training (2017) the minimum core criteria for psychotherapy with adults" available at, https://www.psychotherapy.org.uk/ukcp-members/standards-guidance-and-policies/-
- 1.3 The UKCP College for Sexual and Relationship Psychotherapy is the department of UKCP to which COSRT belongs and through which it relates to UKCP. The College sets the specialist Sexual and Relationship Psychotherapy standards, in line with UKCP standards and including our COSRT specialist training.
- 1.4 Psychotherapy training is at postgraduate level or Masters level equivalent. All applicants for UKCP Registration must have completed training in sexual and relationship psychotherapy.

2. Criteria for UKCP Registration

- 2.1 You must be an Accredited member of COSRT.
- 2.2 You must have completed 450 hours of clinical work supervised at a ratio of one supervision hour to six hours of therapy in training, thereafter 1.5 hours a month. Where possible, this should be supervised by a COSRT supervisor.
- 2.3 You must have completed a minimum of 80 hours of personal therapy, which facilitates awareness of self in relation to others within the context of service user therapy. This may include up to 30 hours of experiential group work.
- 2.4 Your application must have been approved by the COSRT Assessor Panel.

3. Routes to Registration with UKCP

- 3.1 Route 1 Members accredited under category 1 or 2 who have *not* completed a relevant Case Study or Dissertation.
- 3.2 Route 2 Members accredited under category 1 or 2 and who have a university postgraduate degree or equivalent in a related subject, and who have written a Case Study or Dissertation on a relevant topic passed by a recognised academic body.
- 3.3 Route 3 Members accredited under Category 3 who have completed a four-year COSRT accredited course.

4. Procedures

- 4.1 Download and read carefully UKCP Application Form for Full Clinical Psychotherapist. You will find the application form for UKCP Registration here: https://www.psychotherapy.org.uk/join-us/full-clinical-membership/ You are responsible for ensuring that the UKCP process is followed. Also read carefully the COSRT Application Form for UKCP Registration.
- 4.2 There are three possible routes to UKCP registration for COSRT accredited members and you must follow the relevant route, according to your qualifications.
- 4.3 COSRT will process all applications to ensure they meet the UKCP standards.
- 4.4 Route 1: Members accredited under category 1 or 2 who have not completed a relevant dissertation.

These applicants will need to complete a 10,000-12,000-word dissertation if they wish to apply for UKCP Registration. This may be a piece of original research, or case study with literature search and research element, or dissertation on a relevant topic. The remit is intended to be broad to allow for individual difference in practice.

Further guidance from the Professional Standards Manager may be given if you choose this route.

COSRT will charge a fee for of £500.00 for marking your piece of work.

There are bodies who can facilitate this type of dissertation, such as Beeleaf.com, or any university who offers a programme of study which would include a module of research methods, usually one term/semester, and the writing up of a dissertation with appropriate academic supervisors.

All email to accreditation@cosrt.org.uk

- **Step 1.** Send the Professional Standards Manager Jo Coker an abstract of the proposed Case Study or Dissertation for the Professional Standards Board to approve. Guidelines for the preparation of the abstract are available on the COSRT website, are given later in this pack. If your topic is accepted, proceed to Step 2.
- **Step 2.** Write your Case Study or Dissertation, (guidelines are in this pack) and send it to the Professional Standards Manager who will forward it to the external marker appointed by Professional Standards Board. Once the piece is marked and passed, the Professional Standards Manager will sign section C of the COSRT Application form and send it you.
- **Step 3.** Send in the full application and the signed UKCP Application Form for Full Clinical Psychotherapist. To accreditation@cosrt.org.uk
- **Step 4.** When the Assessor Panel has approved your application, the organisational declaration will be signed by COSRT and sent electronically UKCP.
- 4.5 Route 2 Members accredited under category 1 or 2 and who have a university postgraduate degree or equivalent in a related subject, and who have written a Case Study or Dissertation on a relevant topic passed by a recognised academic body. The relevance and suitability of the topic will be agreed by the Professional Standards Board.
 - **Step 1.** Section C of the COSRT Application Form has to be signed by the Professional Standards Manager before your application can be processed. Send your completed Section C to accreditation@cosrt.org.uk. The Professional Standards Manager will sign this after your topic has

been approved by the Professional Standards Board. If the topic of the Case Study or Dissertation is not approved, you will be asked to follow steps 1 and 2 for Route 3.

Next, follow Steps 3 and 4 above as for Route 1

4.6 Route 3: Members accredited under Category 3 who have completed a four-year COSRT approved course.

Follow Steps 3 and 4 above as for Route 1, omitting Section C of your COSRT Application Form.

- 5. Fees
- 5.1 Marking of case study/dissertation Route 1 (if required) £500.00
- 5.2 Processing of applications £150.00

Application form for UKCP Registration:

SECTION A

| Membership no: |
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| Accreditation no: |
| Surname: |
| Forename(s): |
| Title: |
| Address: |
| Telephone no: |
| Mobile: |
| Email: |
| Date and category of COSRT accreditation: |
| Please list all the training you have undertaken that is relevant to your application: |
| Which route are you applying through: |

SECTION B

| (a) | Clinical Practice. Please give details of the total number of Clinical Practice Hours of Sexual and |
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| | Relationship Psychotherapy you have completed, (a minimum of 450 is required), and the location of |
| | the practice. The number of individuals seen and the number of couples. |

| Date (from – to) | Placement | Hours |
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e.g.

| Date (from – to) | Placement | Hours |
|---------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| | | completed |
| 11.12.16 – 03.04.17 | North Herts NHS Trust | 143 |
| 05.07.16 - ongoing | The Fertility Centre, Barnet | 200 |

- (b) Please specify range and diversity of presentations, types of service users seen, the average duration of your treatment and the models of therapy you use. Please use an additional sheet.
- (c) Number of supervision hours completed.

Group:

Size of Group:

Individual:

(d) Names of Supervisors from whom a reference will be sought. Please supply all supervisors names.

Supervisor 1

Name:

Email Address:

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Supervisor 2

Name:

Email Address:

SECTION C

<u>Applicants applying under Route 1</u> please retain this Section until your Dissertation or Case Study has been marked and passed by COSRT. You should then complete it and send it to COSRT for PSM to sign before proceeding with your application.

Applicants applying under Route 2 please complete this Section and send to COSRT for PSM to sign before

| proceeding with your application. |
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| Applicants applying under Route 3 omit this section and proceed to Section D |
| Name: |
| Address: |
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| Please give information about your piece of written work. |
| Title: |
| Abstract: |
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| Word count: |
| Where marked: |
| Awarding Body: |
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| DECLARATION by Professional Standards Manager of COSRT |
| I confirm that I have approved the above written work as an appropriate contribution and confirm that it meets |
| the standard for UKCP Registration at Masters Level or equivalent. |
| Signature: |
| Professional Standards Manager COSRT |
| Date: |

SECTION D

Personal Therapy and Experiential Work

(a) You are required to have undertaken 80 hours of personal therapy and experiential work. **This does not include supervision, CPD or case discussion.** The requirement should include a minimum of 20 hours one-to-one personal therapy.

The following would be acceptable as additional hours:

- Any personal therapy undertaken within the last 10 years.
- Any couple therapy undertaken in the last 10 years.
- All personal and professional development group hours attended during training.
- Any awareness group hours during training.
- Any therapeutic group work undertaken outside the training.

Trainees, who were required to include one-to-one personal therapy within their accreditation process for other professional bodies, may include this within the 80 providing it is within the 10-year period. Please list the hours and modality of the work undertaken.

| Date | Hours | Modality |
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| (from – to) | completed | |
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e.g.

| Date | Hours | Modality |
|---------------------|-----------|--------------|
| (from – to) | completed | |
| 12.02.14 – 05.06.15 | 30 | Couples work |
| 10.05.16 – 02.01.16 | 15 | CBT |
| 03.04.16 – 05.10.17 | 20 | EMDR |

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(b) Describe in 1000 words, +/- 10%, how this experiential work or therapy has been relevant to your clinical practice in sexual and relationship therapy. Please give word count.

Continuous Professional Development

(c) You are required to evidence 30 hours annually of Continuous Professional Development (CPD)

| Date | Hours | Course title |
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(d) Please supply a written copy of your service user agreement that you, or the organisation where you practice, use.

SECTION E

Declarations:

• I **DECLARE** that all the above information is correct and accurate and that I meet the required standards for Registration with UKCP and Membership of the UKCP College for Sexual and Relationship Psychotherapy.

• I CONFIRM I am a current and Accredited Member of COSRT at the time of my application.

• I CONFIRM that I understand UKCP, CSRP and COSRT are signatories to The Second Memorandum of Understanding against Conversion Therapy, and that I must not advocate or use conversion therapy, which assumes that any one sexual orientation or gender identity is superior to or preferable to any other. I will not seek to work in such a way as to impose or attempt to impose change in a service user's self-determination of sexual orientation or gender identity.

• I CONFIRM proof of professional liability insurance to the required minimum level of £2,000,000. Members are reminded that insurance must be sufficient to cover all professional aspects of their clinical work. e.g., supervision and training. If you are working for a crown service, Relate or the NHS you must provide proof of your organisational insurance for the role of psychosexual therapy. See practice guideline 10.

• I CONFIRM my commitment to maintain ongoing supervision, continued professional development, and annual audit for the duration of the Registration, in accordance with the Practice Policies of the UKCP College for Sexual and Relationship Psychotherapy until such time as I discontinue clinical practice. I undertake to notify UKCP should I discontinue clinical practice, and to return my certificate.

• I **CONFIRM** I have not been debarred from another therapy organisation.

• I **DECLARE** that I have never been convicted of any sexual offence.

• I **CONFIRM** that all the above statements are true, and I agree to abide by the Governing Documents of UKCP and the UKCP College for Sexual and Relationship Psychotherapy, and in particular I will abide by their Codes of Ethics and Practice.

Signature:

Date:

Please email your application to jo.coker@cosrt.org.uk including:

a) Your fee of £150.00 payable to COSRT please contact kate.crane@cosrt.org.uk to pay

b) A copy of your COSRT Accreditation Certificate

c) Page 6 of your UKCP Application Form

d) Proof of insurance

Supervisors Report – Current (regarding application for UKCP registration)

NOTES FOR SUPERVISORS

- Thank you for agreeing to complete this form to support this therapist's application for UKCP Registration. Please read the COSRT Criteria and Procedure for UKCP Registration and the UKCP College for Sexual and Relationship Psychotherapy (CSRP) Standards of Education and Training for Sexual and Relationship Psychotherapists and Psychotherapeutic Counsellors available here www.csrp.org.uk/standards.
- You are being asked to confirm that the requirement of 450 hours of sexual and relationship psychotherapy practice has been met to a good standard and supervised at a ratio of 1 supervision hour to 6 clinical hours, in accordance with the COSRT Practice Guideline 1 Supervision and the Supervision Contract. For Accreditation with COSRT the therapist will have already completed a minimum of 320 hours' practice.
- Your opinion of the therapist's standard of work is crucial to their application being approved,
- If approved for registration with UKCP the therapist will be required to adhere to the CSRP Practice Policy 2 http://www.csrp.org.uk/content/practice-policy-2-continuing-professionaldevelopment.

Thank you for your co-operation

If 'Yes' move on to question 5.

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| 1. | Applicant's name: |
| | Address: |
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| 2. | Name of applicant's supervisor: |
| | Address: |
| | Telephone no: |
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| 3. | Are you an accredited member of COSRT: Yes / No |

If 'No' give details of your qualifications and experience in sexual and relationship therapy:

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Are you a COSRT accredited supervisor? Yes / No

| | If 'Yes' move to question 5. |
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| | If 'No' give details of your qualifications and experience in sexual and relationship therapy: |
| 5. | Main areas of your supervision work: |
| | Please state the date that you started supervising the applicant's work in sexual and relationship therapy: |
| 6. | Please supply a copy of your written supervision agreement. |
| 7. | Have you any formal or statutory responsibility for the applicant's work in sexual and relationship therapy? Yes / No |
| 8. | It is a requirement that you discuss the application with the applicant. Please confirm that you have done so. Yes / No |
| 9. | It is a requirement that you study the COSRT Codes of Ethics and Practice for General and Accredited Members and Codes of Ethics and Principles of Good Practice for Supervisors of Sexual and Relationship Therapy with the applicant. Please confirm that you have done so. Yes / No |
| 10. | Is the supervision individual and/or in a group? |
| | Both: |
| | Individual: |
| | Group: |
| 11. | How many hours of supervision have you given the applicant during the last year? |
| | Telephone: |
| | Individual: |
| | Group: |
| 12. | How often do you review your supervisee's whole caseload? |
| 13. | Can you confirm that your supervisee has not had any breaks in clinical practice of sexual and relationship therapy? Yes / No |
| | If 'No' please give details: |
| 14. | In relation to the applicant's present standard of work please could you comment on the following: |
| | Understanding of assessment process: |

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| Formulation of service user's problems: |
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| Ability to demonstrate the use of COSRT ethical framework in their work: |
| Ability to hold boundaries: |
| Ability to set tasks: |
| Ability to work through blocks: |
| Ability to end cases: |
| Ability to refer on appropriately: |
| Ability to use supervision: |
| Evidence of CPD as a result of supervision: |
| Having completed the above, have you any anxieties about the applicant's <u>clinical</u> work? |
| Has the applicant demonstrated a commitment to continuing professional development? |
| Yes / No |
| Has the applicant discussed the learning gained from CPD attended? Yes / No |
| Has the applicant continued to read relevant books/journals? Yes / No |
| Please note that by signing this form, you are attesting to the standard of practice of the applicant and thereby giving your confirmation that the applicant has reached the standard to be registered with UKCP. |

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| Supervisor's signature: |

Date:

Applicant's comments:

Please note it is a requirement that the applicant signs the form.

Applicant's signature.

Date:

Applying for UKCP Registration by Dissertation

For UKCP registration, work is marked at Masters level.

You must submit a proposal of no more that 750 words to the Professional Standards Board for approval. You should not start your dissertation until approval has been received. It is expected that you will submit the work to COSRT within two years of the approval. Applications for more time should be made to the Professional Standards Board and will be considered in exceptional circumstances.

The dissertation proposal should consist of:

- Your name and contact details (address, phone number, email address)
- A paragraph on your research topic and, if you have formulated them, your research questions
- How you will conduct your literature review
- Your proposed methodology (ie qualitative or quantitative)
- Ethical issues that may arise
- The name of your Dissertation Supervisor

Please note, you may need to use an academic supervisor in addition to your clinical supervisor for your dissertation. You will be responsible for all supervision fees.

The optimal length for the dissertation is 12,000 words. **Dissertations that exceed 12,000 words will not be accepted.** The word count must be shown on the front sheet.

A dissertation is a report of an empirically grounded enquiry. It may be:

- A secondary data analysis
- Collection of data to examine theoretical issues relating to Psychosexual Therapy
- A literature review
- An in depth examination of interventions used in Psychosexual Therapy

You must discuss how you will present and structure the dissertation with your supervisor and consider whether ethical approval will be needed from the Professional Standards Board. This approval should be included in an appendix.

There is no set format for a dissertation, a suggested format is:

Front sheet

Your submission must have a front page stating your name, dissertation title, date and word count. Pages must be numbered.

Abstract

A summary or abstract of the dissertation, not exceeding 300 words in length, should follow the title page.

Acknowledgements

Thank those who have supported the work and acknowledge any financial sponsorship.

Contents

The contents page should be clearly laid out including page numbers and should also include the word count.

The dissertation should be divided into chapters in this order:

- An introduction that sets out your reasons for choosing the topic and how you aim to address the research questions
- A clear outline of the research problem you are addressing
- A critical literature review of the most important work in the area and how these inform your research
- An account of the methods you used in collecting and analysing the data. You should include problems encountered and how they were managed
- Consideration of ethical issues
- Clearly presented findings
- A conclusion that assesses the significance of your findings, and assesses and reflects critically on your findings. Include implications for future research

Bibliography and referencing

You must use the **Harvard** referencing format.

Appendices

These may be included after the Bibliography. They may include Research tools, Questionnaires, Consent Forms etc.

Formatting

The dissertation should be typed on A4 size paper. A margin of one and a half inches should be left on the left-hand side of the page 1.5 line spacing should be used with no smaller font than a 12 point. All pages must be numbered and there should be a clear list of contents.

Plagiarism

A dissertation must be your own work. If you use someone else's previous work you must acknowledge it as without doing so you can be seen to be representing it as you own. This is known as plagiarism and constitutes academic misconduct.

Submission

One electronic copy of the case study must be submitted. Email: accreditation@cosrt.org.uk

Marking

Your work will be marked by a COSRT examiner.

Should your work not meet the pass mark, it will be returned to you with the examiners notes to offer you the opportunity to make amendments to bring it up to the standard required. The examiners and the Professional Standards Board reserve the right to speak to your supervisor if there are concerns and it is deemed helpful to the process.

Should you wish to appeal a decision please follow the appeals procedure.

Applying for UKCP Registration by Case Study

For UKCP registration, work is marked at Masters level.

Once you have decided on your case study, you must submit a proposal of no more than 750 words to the Professional Standards Board for approval. You should not start your case study until approval is received. It is expected that work will be submitted to COSRT within one year of the approval. Applications to the Professional Standards Board for an extension will be considered in exceptional circumstances.

Your proposal should consist of:

- Your name and contact details (address, phone number, email address)
- An overview paragraph on your case study
- Your awareness of current research in the area
- Your model of working with the service user
- Ethical issues that may arise
- The name of your supervisor who will act as your Case Study Supervisor

Note that you will be responsible for all supervision fees.

The optimal length for the Case Study is 10,000-12,000 words. **Case Studies that exceed 12,000 words will not be accepted.** The word count should be shown on the front page.

A case study may be an in-depth study of one service user or couple or can be a study of three different service users with a similar psychosexual difficulty.

When selecting a service user or service users to write about choose case material that is typical of your current work. You should use recent case material (i.e., a service user that you have worked with in the last six months). The work does not have to be finished; it could be an ongoing case. You do not have to obtain written permission from your service user to use the case material, but you must ensure that the service users cannot be identified.

Criteria that should be met

An explanation of the theory underpinning practice and, if working with a couple, your understanding of the dynamic process

Give a brief explanation of the theory that underpins your practice, it may be that you integrate more than one theory so explain the rationale behind this. Consider the effect of the couple dynamic in the room and how that impacts on process

2. You should relate theory to practice and interventions made

There should be consistency in the way you work and the model you are working within. The case study needs to demonstrate the integration of psychotherapeutic understanding to psychosexual and relationship work, both written and practical.

3. Use of self-awareness in the therapeutic relationship

An essential part of the case study is to demonstrate your ability to reflect critically on the work.

You need to show your understanding of the dynamics in the therapy room and your reflective awareness of yourself within the work.

4. Equality and Diversity

Show how your practice demonstrates awareness of issues of equality and diversity and how these issues have an impact on the therapeutic relationship and the model of working.

5. The use of Supervision

Show how you use supervision sessions to deal with the dilemmas and challenges of your work and how you apply the reflections of this in your work.

6. Awareness of the COSRT Code of Ethics for General and Accredited Members

Please demonstrate how the Code of Ethics for General and Accredited Members informs your work.

7. Use of service user agreement

Please demonstrate how you use a service user agreement and include a copy in the appendices.

8. Accurate referencing and formatting

See referencing and formatting section on page 4

Suggested Format

Front sheet

Your submission must have a front page stating your name, case study title, date and word count. Pages must be numbered.

Abstract

Acknowledgements

Thank those who have supported the work and acknowledge any financial sponsorship.

Introduction

Describe where the work took place e.g., NHS, Voluntary Sector, Private Practice etc.

Model of Practice

Describe the ways in which you work, the theory underpinning your practice, the interventions used and the reasons for them. When working with couples outline your understanding of the dynamic process.

The Service user

Include a brief history, assessment findings, details of medical investigations, treatment(s), prior experience of therapy and other background information as appropriate. It may help to use separate sections with headings such as history, investigation, formulation, treatment etc. Include any predisposing, precipitating and maintaining factors.

Use of Self

Ensure you demonstrate how you, and your use of self, influence the therapy.

Use of Supervision

Include how you used supervision and how it was integrated into your service user work. Outline any particular technical challenges or dilemmas in the work and how supervision was used to overcome these.

Conclusion

Report the outcome or, if appropriate, the ongoing work. Reflect on the case study, how you managed the process, your feelings about the work, how you might have done things differently, and what you have learnt about yourself.

References

Bibliography and referencing

You must use the **Harvard** referencing format.

Appendices

These should be included after the Bibliography. They may include Research tools, Questionnaires, Consent Forms etc.

Formatting

The Case study should be typed on A4 size paper. A margin of one and a half inches should be left on the left-hand side of the page 1.5 line spacing should be used with no smaller font than 12 point. All pages must be numbered and there should be a clear list of contents.

Plagiarism

A case study must be your own work. If you use someone else's previous work, you must acknowledge it as without doing so you can be seen to be representing it as you own. This is known as **plagiarism** and constitutes academic misconduct.

Submission

Is by email to accreditation@cosrt.org.uk

Marking

Two internal examiners and an external examiner will mark your case study. The internal examiners will be selected from the Professional Standards Board. The external examiner may be a Psychosexual Therapist, or a Relational Psychotherapist selected by COSRT. All examiners will have extensive expertise in the field of Psychosexual Psychotherapy and Clinical Supervision.

Should your work not meet the pass mark, it will be returned to you with the examiners notes to offer you the opportunity to make amendments to bring it up to the standard required. The examiners and the Professional Standards Board reserve the right to speak to your supervisor if there are concerns and it is deemed helpful to the process.

Should you wish to appeal a decision please follow the appeals procedure.

Guidelines for Resubmission, Reapplication and Appeal

It is the task of the Assessors Panel to ensure that applicants for UKCP registration meet the published criteria.

The Assessors acknowledge the considerable amount of time, energy and feelings invested by many applicants in the process of applying. They will assess all applications fairly, respectfully and in accordance with the criteria. Should your application not meet those criteria then the reasons for non-accreditation will be set out clearly in the Assessor Panel's final letter

If you are not awarded UKCP registration, it is important, to keep in mind, that under certain circumstances an application can be looked at again, and to this end the following procedures are available.

- 1. <u>Resubmission</u>. When the applicant has omitted or submitted an incomplete piece of required information, then the applicant will be invited to resubmit the application including the missing details. Resubmission has to take place within six months and there is a resubmission fee of £50.
- 2. <u>Reapplication</u>. Where the applicants have not satisfied the criteria, they may reapply 12 months from the notification and when the criteria have been met. As this will be a new application the full application fee of £150 is required.
- 3. <u>Appeal</u>. Applicants may appeal if they feel they have grounds to believe that the assessment process was not carried out fairly and properly in accordance with the published criteria. The grounds for appeal should be clearly and specifically stated. The application will be read, unchanged, by the Appeals Panel which is formed of members of the Professional Standards Board excluding the Accreditation Representative. In addition, applicants may submit up to a maximum of two sides (A4) of comments or information, which is pertinent to the reasons for rejection, as stated in the rejection letter.

Appeals must be made within three months of notification by email to accreditation@cosrt.org.uk

There is an appeals fee of £100 payable to COSRT.

4. <u>The Appeals Panel</u>.

- a) The Professional Standards Board will convene the Appeals Panel.
- o) If the Appeals Panel judges the appeal to be well founded it shall take such steps, as it considers necessary, in its absolute discretion, to consider the appeal and reverse or uphold the original decision.
- c) The reasons for reversing or upholding the decision not to proceed that applicant to registration will be set out in the final letter from the Appeals Panel.
- d) The Appeals Panel does not enter into correspondence about applications.
- e) The decision of the Appeals Panel after due consideration of the Appeal, is final.