

Scope of Practice for ACC Professional Members

In keeping with ACC's codes of ethics, members must keep within their scope of practice by only practising in areas that they have appropriate knowledge, skills and experience in. They must refer a service user to another practitioner if at any point they assess the client's needs are beyond their scope of practice. Members must ensure that any information used to advertise or promote their practice does not mislead members of the public about their competency.

For counsellors and psychotherapists there are a number of competency frameworks that map out areas of knowledge, skills and experience. ACC have adopted the [SCoPEd Framework](#) for adults and the [Churchill Framework](#) for working with the client's religion and spirituality. ACC also references the [BACP competency and curricula framework when working with children and young people](#). These frameworks provide a minimum standard of competence.

For accredited coaches and mentors, the competency framework will be set by their accrediting body. For ACC verified coaches/mentors, ACC refer to the [EMCC Global Professional Practice Framework for Mentors, Coaches, and Leaders Specific to Role and Context](#). All ACC's coaching and mentoring members are required to be guided by the [Churchill Framework for Coaching and Mentoring](#) when integrating faith/religion/spirituality into their practice.

ACC members have the same obligation when providing any health-related therapeutic or pastoral/spiritual service for which their training as a counsellor/psychotherapist may contribute to a client's trust in and assurance of competence. That is, they must work only in areas in which they have appropriate training, knowledge, skills and experience. In advertising any adjunct services, members must ensure that there is a clear separation of these from their counselling/psychotherapy or coaching/mentoring practice.

ACC members must not practise conversion therapy. For further information please see [Memorandum of Understanding on Conversion Therapy in the UK Version 2](#).