

Legal & Ethical Issues

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Aims & Objectives

Look at the issues

these are considerations

not necessarily having definitive answers

Think about *your* answers and boundaries

the beginnings of an agreement with a director

For any self to be free to enable another's freedom means that it [the self] must be in some way aware of the actuality, not only the possibility, of a regard beyond desire – and so of its own being as a proper cause of joy, as a gift.

(Rowan Williams, Lost Icons, p. 161)

Spiritual direction within a context

Church and State	Journey of faith
Shared understanding of the ministry of spiritual direction	Presenting issue
Covenant / contract / boundaries	Content & Process
	Core issues : gift

Marian & Petrine models of the Church

Petrine

Peter – masculine
pyramid: hierarchical
growth
truth
boundary
authority
accountability to Body of Christ

Marian

Mary – feminine principle
ring-shaped: mutual
service
grace
empathy
equality
accountability to *this* body

Accountability

Discernment of vocation	Supervision
Tradition & community	CPD
Prayer	Limits of competence
Self-care - spiritual direction - therapy	Insurance
	Lines of accountability

Codes of Practice

LCSD (<https://www.lcsd.org.uk/resources/>)

Community of Spiritual Directors Code of Practice

Safeguarding Guidelines for Spiritual Directors

Retreat Association: Spiritual Direction Guidelines (<http://www.retreats.org.uk/spiritualdirectionguidelines.php>)

UCKP: <https://www.psychotherapy.org.uk/registers-standards/standards-guidance-and-policies/>

Confidentiality

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Adoption

Conflicts & Dual relationships

References

Safeguarding

Training

Contamination/coaching

Local codes of practice

Note-taking

Local lines of
accountability

Stay in the present

Concerns about
ongoing abuse

Adoption

Since the passing, in December 2005, of amendments to the 2002 Children Act, it has been illegal, without government registration as an adoption support agency (ASA), to counsel anyone for whom any aspect of adoption is a main focus.

Kunu Gordon, The Psychotherapist, Issues 44, Spring 2010

Data Protection & GDPR

Contact details

What if...?

Note-taking

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Anonymity

Purpose of personal notes

only the facts

Supervision

only about you

Destroy

Money

Value and commitment

Gift and investment

No charge

Donation

Formal charge

Agreement (contract/covenant)

Clarity

Written document?

e.g. https://www.lcsd.org.uk/downloads/Covenant_working_agreement.pdf

A working agreement

Where do you stand on these issues?

Write your own working agreement
