

Complaint Notice No 070119. Date published 22/10/2019

Complaint against COSRT Accredited Member MS J Edwards membership number 2197 / 492

Date of complaint 07/05/19

Date complaint considered and by whom

Professional Conduct Panel was held on 17/9/19 to consider the complaint

Organisational concern

The Professional Conduct Panel (PCP) determined that the Member failed to:

“Adequately contract with the client at the commencement of therapy; make a comprehensive assessment of the presenting issues in order to determine if [they] were able to address the needs and goals of the client; undertake an adequate risk assessment and safeguarding process to determine the safety of the client and her children; discuss the ending of therapy with the client in a constructive and helpful manner and provide adequate signposting or referral on.”

Sanctions and/or undertakings

The complaint was deemed suitable for a Consensual Agreement Resolution – a mechanism designed to support reflection and continued professional development of Members. The COSRT Accredited Member accordingly agreed to the following Undertakings:

1. To revise their Therapy Contract in line with COSRT guidance.
2. To write a reflective piece considering:
 1. The importance of assessment, formulation, goal setting, review and ending of therapy;
 2. The importance of clinical supervision/self-reflection in the therapy process, considering the therapists response to the client.
3. Provide evidence of up-to-date safeguarding training or evidence of future training.
4. To provide a report from a clinical supervisor considering the reflective piece, learning about safeguarding and the Supervisor’s opinion of the Member’s safe and effective clinical practice.