



The Academy: S.P.A.C.E.

Sheffield Psychotherapy and Counselling Education

## Code of Conduct

**The Academy: SPACE expects students and all staff to conduct themselves in a professional manner** whilst engaged in their studies/work, including relevant activities undertaken off our premises. The role of counsellor is a responsible, sensitive and professional one. As such, this course has expectations about the *professional and personal* conduct of students and staff, particularly when representing the profession of counselling at The Academy: SPACE, in Practice Placement, when working off-site, or in engaging with social media. We expect you to conduct yourself in a manner that enhances, and does not bring into disrepute, the discipline, the counselling profession or The Academy: SPACE, and to treat Academy: SPACE staff and your colleagues, here and elsewhere, with the same courtesy and respect.

The following points are in addition to the requirements of the *NCPS Code of Ethics 2021* and the *BACP Ethical Framework for Counselling and Psychotherapy 2018*.

### It is expected that you will:

1. Ensure that negative considerations of religion, sex, race, gender, age, nationality, party politics, social standing, class, self-interest or other extraneous factors; do not diminish your participation, practice or relationships with others (on and off-site) during the course, or your work with us
2. Not exploit, for self-gratification, any relationship of influence or trust which exists between yourself and peers/students, colleagues, tutors and clients
3. Ensure that your physical or psychological condition is fit for participation and practice and not impaired as a result of alcohol, drugs, illness or personal stress, such that your abilities, participation or professional judgement are seriously affected; and that you will take appropriate action and seek support if you find yourself in this position
4. Enhance, and do not inappropriately undermine, public confidence in your own ability, and that of other counsellors and members of other professions
5. Acknowledge the intellectual property and research of others and give due credit to the contributions of others in any collaborative work you undertake
6. Bring any allegation of misconduct by a professional colleague to the attention of those responsible to investigate. Do so without malice and avoid unnecessary breaches of confidentiality. If you are the subject of allegations yourself, take all reasonable steps to assist those charged with the responsibility to investigate.

For The Academy: S.P.A.C.E., Gail Evans, Programme Director.