

Ref: Student Placements with Children and Young People (CYP)

9th February 2023

As you may be aware on 20th December 2022 the BACP issued new guidance relating to their membership requirements for student counsellors on adult-focused BACP accredited or approved courses undertaking training placements with children and young people (CYP). In light of this guidance, we at Skills and Education Group Awards would like to confirm that **no more than 30%** of the total 100 placement hours can be accrued with children/young people 13-17 years for those students registered on the Level 4 Diploma in Therapeutic Counselling **on or after the 1st March 2023**.

We appreciate that some students may already be working with children and young people and with this in mind this relationship can continue to run its course. However, in order for placement hours to be eligible for professional membership any placement hours accrued above the permitted **30%** with children and young people by students registered **on or after the 1st March 2023 will not** be counted as part of the required 100 hours.

Additional BACP guidance can be viewed here:

<https://www.bacp.co.uk/membership/organisational-membership/course-accreditation/student-placements-with-children-and-young-people/>

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