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# Information for clients about psychologists undertaking further training and working in our service

You have recently been offered an appointment to see a <Provisionally> Registered Psychologist who is currently completing further study. This person has a degree in Psychology and has <worked as a Psychologist for a number of years before being> been accepted into a post-graduate professional psychology course. The course is a Masters level degree program, whereby students spend some of their time studying through Charles Sturt University and some of their time working under supervision while on placement within various settings.

<*Name of service>* believe that it is essential to assist with the training of professional psychologists and so offer placements within their services for <Provisionally> Registered Psychologists who are undertaking this training. These <Provisionally> Registered Psychologists are closely supervised by one or more qualified and experienced Registered Psychologists.

As a part of their training, the <Provisionally> Registered Psychologists may be required to present some of their casework for supervision or assessment purposes. The <Provisionally> Registered Psychologist will discuss this with you first and will not proceed without your signed permission to do so.

Sometimes you may be asked if the supervisor can sit in on your session to observe their supervisee. You might also be asked for your consent to record (on audio or video tape) sessions, so that the supervisor may review the <Provisionally> Registered Psychologist’s skills and progress. You might also be asked if your <Provisionally> Psychologist can write up your case for submission to the University staff as a requirement of their course.

We want to make it clear that you have the right to refuse any or all of these requests. This will not impact on the treatment you receive in any way. Even if you give consent, you can withdraw your consent at any time prior to the submission of the recording or written report.

If you have any questions, your <Provisionally> Registered Psychologist should be able to answer these at your first appointment. Please feel free to also contact the <Provisionally> Registered Psychologist’s Supervisor’s, <*Name of supervisor>* on <*Contact number>* or <*Name of field placement coordinator>* on <*Contact number>.*