

Appendix 1

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Public consultation

Proposed regulation of counsellors and psychotherapists under the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005

The background to the proposal to designate these professions is set out in the main consultation document.

The issues which the Minister would like addressed by the submissions are as follows:

- Whether the professions of counsellor and/or psychotherapist ought to be subject to State regulation.
- If so, whether the professions ought to be regulated under the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005 or otherwise.
- If the professions are to be regulated under the 2005 Act whether it would be appropriate to regulate one or two professions under one registration board.
- The appropriate level of “grand parenting” qualifications to be set for existing practitioners having regard to the [QQI Awards standards](#)
- The appropriate level of qualifications to be set for future applicants for registration having regard to the QQI Awards standards
- The title or titles that ought to be protected for the exclusive use of registrants.