



## Annual External Examiner Report

**Name of Training: Tavistock Clinic Adult Department Intensive Training in Adult Psychotherapy (M1)**

**REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 1: January 2022**

**Name of External Examiner: Geri Dogmetchi**

A. During the year since September 2021 I have read the 6 monthly clinic reports, together with the supervisor's reports, of **Four** trainees in the 1st year, **THREE** trainees in the 2nd year, **TWO** students in the 3rd year and **TWO** students in the 4<sup>th</sup> year of the course, together with other reports as requested by the Chair of trainee Progress. I am satisfied that the supervisors' reports represent the standard of clinical understanding demonstrated in the trainees' reports.

\* Normally returns should be completed every January about the previous year. In the case of the external examiner taking over partway through the year, they should make returns anyway, noting the length of time the return refers to.

B. During the year I have attended **THREE** meetings of the Progress Committee. I am satisfied that:

- the overall standard of the course and the assessment process is of a level appropriate for a BPC approved training; this includes due attention to understanding of unconscious communication, the appropriate use of transference and countertransference, the maintenance of appropriate professional boundaries and management of the self in the psychotherapeutic relationship.
- the assessors for the course are recognising the capacities of the trainees, giving due attention to the weaknesses and potential weaknesses as well as strengths.

- the assessors for the course are giving good feedback to trainees and, if the standard is not yet satisfactory, clear guidance as to what action is required to reach a satisfactory standard.
- trainees who do not meet a standard at which they can be considered safe to practice independently have not been qualified.

Comments:

I remain impressed by the standard of teaching, supervision and tutoring on this course. The teachers are working under huge pressure, with staff numbers constantly under threat from the organisation and from the NHS generally. I have huge respect for the way analytic thinking and working is maintained under these conditions

I am impressed by the standard of work and commitment of the tutors, supervisors and teachers during what has been a particularly difficult and challenging year due to the ongoing covid situation and teaching remaining online. The Course Lead has carefully managed the student's anxieties and uncertainties and has supported staff in this too. The Tavistock is in the process of a strategic review which can be very unsettling and this is also being managed well.

Signed: Mrs. Geri Dogmetchi

Date: 21 May 2022