



Association for Family &
Systemic Psychotherapy

Professional affairs committee (PAC) report

2026 AGM

Report period: 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025

Committee: Professional affairs committee (PAC)

Chair: Caz Brown

Members: Marilyn Brennan, Richard Clarke, Victoria Jones, Adam Lewis, Kenyah Nyameche Rubina Singh

Retiring members within period: Collette Williams – paused participation due to work commitments

Supported by: Philip Santana-Reedy (operations and finance director)

Review of activities during the last 12 months

Over the last year we have:

- Continued to be busy responding to a number of queries covering a wide range of issues including those from NHS trusts, lead professionals and clinicians employed as family and systemic and family psychotherapists in the public, voluntary and private sectors as well as those working in independent practice.
- We have provided a number of national assessors to various NHS trusts and a private hospital.
- We have been updating job descriptions and person specifications for the website.
- We continue to advise the board on various issues, but particularly working with them to address tricky professional issues.
- Revising and updating job descriptions and person specifications
- Responding to policies and supporting the conference
- Revising and updating job descriptions and person specifications ready for the new website

Plans for the next 12 months

Over the next 12 months we will:

1. Monitor professional standards and other issues for those in the different professional contexts.
2. Offer consultation and advice for queries from members and employers.
3. Continue to discuss concerns that arise around the confusion around job roles and levels of training and qualification since the title and membership category of systemic practitioner has been created. Our hope is that the issues we have highlighted will be carefully considered by the Board, particularly in the context of ongoing confusions relating to recruitment.
4. Provide National Assessors for recruitment.
5. Update relevant documents on the website as needed by AFSP.
6. Continue updating the website with appropriate job descriptions/person specifications.
7. Support the call for protected professional status.
8. Continue to challenge organisational structures that reflect social inequalities..
9. Aim for a further meeting face to face within the year

General comments

Thank you to members for approaching PAC for support with their queries and concerns

Thank you to all PAC members for their dedication and ongoing support. We are very grateful for your ongoing commitment.

- Thank you to those members who have gone before us and sadly retired from PAC. We thank you for all of your hard work, dedication to AFSP and PAC, the huge contribution that you have made and the solid foundation you have created. I am hopeful we will be able to continue with the same energy, thoughtfulness and insight.
- Thank you to the office staff for their ongoing support.
- We appreciate the support of AFSP at our meetings and in our dealings with the membership and other organisations who employ systemic psychotherapists.

Caz Brown
Chair of PAC