



The British Association for the Person-Centred Approach

I am writing to let you know the results of the recent survey carried out concerning regulation.

It is important to note that not all the participants answered all the questions so the totals do not add up to 100%. As you can see the majority of the people that took part in the survey are against regulation by HPC and against the separation of Counselling and Psychotherapy. However, some of the members were concerned that the 2nd question was directive and didn't leave room for those who do not want to be regulated at all and/or would like to take the position of principled non-compliance. I would like to apologise for this limitation.

I hope this provides some information on where the members of BAPCA, who were moved to respond to the questionnaire, stand on regulation.

Below are the people voted in by new CG to hold the positions of convenor, secretary and treasurer.

- Convenor: Sheila Haugh
- Secretary: Sarah Bainbridge
- Treasurer: Mark Harrison is to continue until the AGM when Richard Baughan will take over.

With respect,

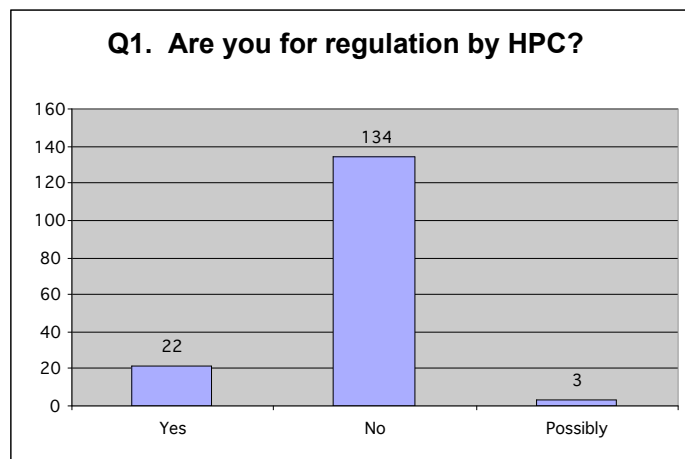
Annie Thompson, for and on behalf of the CG



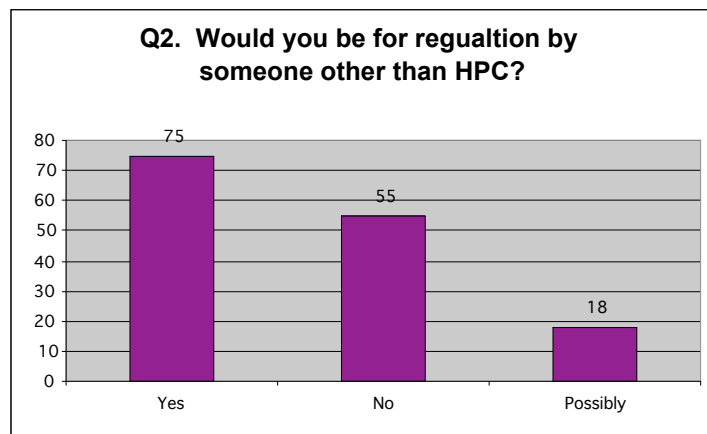
Results of BAPCA Questionnaire on Regulation

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I have collected 158 responses so far not everyone answered every question so they don't all add up to a common 100%. However the trends are clear as you can see below.



Q1. As you can see there is a clear majority against regulation by HPC, with a minority either for or unsure. The majority, those *Against*, give reasons such as: HPC not understanding counselling & psychotherapy and the medical model being unsuitable. Those *For* think that counselling & psychotherapy would benefit from professionalisation.



Q2. Here the results are less stark with the majority for regulation by someone other than HPC and 55 people *Against*, whilst 18 say possibly. It's interesting that both those *For* and the *Possible* give reasons such as: Only if they understand counselling & psychotherapy; some suggest BACP.



Q3. Here the results are clear a high majority are *Against* the separation of counselling & Psychotherapy. The reasons varied from: No never as there's no difference in the therapy room, with a minority saying that separation wasn't a bad idea but the current competencies didn't show enough understanding of the profession to be the correct way to go.