

## GUIDANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP OF IPSS.

Thank you for your interest in joining IPSS. All members of IPSS must also be members of UKCP, and accredited through CPJA. If you are not accredited through CPJA and wish to join IPSS then you would need to apply to IPSS through the Accreditation route. Details are on the IPSS website.

Applications for membership of IPSS by CPJA accredited members should be made, in writing, as a **Letter of Application** to the Chair of IPSS and sent by email to Paola Turner, the Administrator at [info@ipss-psychotherapy.co.uk](mailto:info@ipss-psychotherapy.co.uk). A full CV and a completed membership application questionnaire should also be included with your Letter of Application.

These guidelines listed below are meant to give applicants a sense of what they might consider putting in their Letter of Application, though it should not be considered as restrictive or restraining in any way. However emphasis will be placed upon Your interest in the IPSS and its Ethos, your Professional development through CPD and commitment to Professional standards in clinical work. Your letter of application may include:

- Your reasons for application to membership of IPSS
- Any comments about choosing an organisation that places a keen focus upon the social and cultural context of psychoanalytic psychotherapy.
- What you hope membership of IPSS might contribute to your professional life
- What you think you can contribute to IPSS
- Information / thoughts about your own analysis / therapy
- Information / thoughts on your continuing professional development since qualifying as a therapist
- Information / thoughts about your experience of being supervised
- Any major difficulties you have encountered in your career thus far.

Once we have received your application an initial assessment will be made as to whether to go forward with an interview. The interview will be arranged with two members of IPSS Council. A decision to offer you membership of IPSS will be based upon the papers received and a satisfactory outcome to that meeting.

**Fees:** The cost of making an application is £100 payable by bank transfer. IPSS membership fees currently stand at £150 per annum. This fee is reviewed each year beginning October 1st. If you are accepted for membership during the course of a year, you will be invoiced for 1/3, 2/3 or the whole of the fee according to the term in which Council approves your membership.

**Complaints:** If an applicant has had a case taken out against them in the past or is currently involved in one, they will be expected to declare this and must be prepared to discuss this in detail should they be offered an interview with an IPSS member.