

Client Disclosure Statements

Confidentiality Policy

I follow the professional charter as outlined in the Australian Psychology Society's 'Code of Ethics'. It forms the basis of my confidentiality policy. Essentially, I ensure all clients' confidentiality is held, with the exception of the following specific circumstances (as per APS Code of Ethics):

- with the consent of the relevant client or a person with legal authority to act on behalf of the client;
- where there is a legal obligation to do so;
- if there is an immediate and specified risk of harm to an identifiable person or persons that can be averted only by disclosing information; or the entity (psychologist) reasonably believes that the collection, use or disclosure is necessary to lessen or prevent a serious threat to the life, health or safety of any individual, or to public health or safety. The threat does not have to be immediate or specified for information to be disclosed.
- when consulting colleagues, or in the course of supervision or professional training, provided the psychologist:
 - (i) conceals the identity of clients and associated parties involved; or
 - (ii) obtains the client's consent, and gives prior notice to the recipients of the information that they are required to preserve the client's privacy, and obtains an undertaking from the recipients of the information that they will preserve the client's privacy.

In the case of Medicare Mental Health Care Plans, it is a referral requirement that I provide your referring GP with a brief update and progress report following your 6th and 10th sessions of treatment.

Furthermore, I give my assurance that even in the above mentioned circumstances you shall be notified of any necessary sharing of personal information. My philosophy has always been to provide a transparent process.

Fee Policy

Please review the following consultation fee structure and understand that '24 hours' cancellation notice is appreciated and required to avoid fees'. Appointments, which are not attended, without previous notification, shall incur a full consultation fee. As of July 1, 2017 consultation fees are:

- Standard consults (8:00 am – 6:00 pm) are \$200 per hour
- After-hours, off-site and organisations: APS rates apply†

- Longer consults as above plus @15 minute slot

†The Australian Psychological Society's (APS) 2017-2018 recommended fee for Psychological Services is currently \$246 (45-60 min)

I have read and understand the above client disclosure statements regarding my confidentiality and fee policy.

Client Name

Signature

Date