

## British Alliance of Healing Associations

Hello to all the wonderful healers that take their work with love, care and compassion, it truly is a beautiful calling to share this special gift with so many members of the public.

As Chair of the British Alliance of Healing Associations (BAHA) I have been doing some background work within the NHS and in particular in and around the South Yorkshire area. I and the Secretary of BAHA have been raising questions to Doctors, Nurses, Medical Practitioners and NHS Management, in particular why have they stopped allowing healers to give healing within their wards? The answer was the same to their knowledge no one has stopped any healer showing their Member Association credentials and proof of identity and firstly obtaining the approval of the ward Doctor or Senior Nurse and providing proof that the patient has requested healing and further that the healing is carried out without fuss, disruption and discretion. Other patients must not be upset or involved. A Healing Group or Clinic would never be permitted in or near any NHS ward as this could cause upset or disruption to other patients.

We also enquired of practicing other complementary therapies including anything that would include massage within the NHS wards. The response was a definite No! But the wards do advertise certain non NHS external clinics including contact details for these separate external clinics, so that any patient can contact the clinic. These clinics are set-up by complementary therapists themselves and approach the NHS Hospital Trust for permission to advertise their details within their wards. It is usually the cancer wards that are like a family unit as are many high dependency units within the NHS, all the Doctors, Nurses and Specialists are known by their first names, with treatment being given not just for the body but also the mind which also needs the extra help.

Everyone that we spoke to believes in the benefits of healing and certain

complementary therapies and added that it was good for the patients as it helped to reduce stress and bring about a calmness within them, which also helped the NHS Staff.

I also had the opportunity to speak with a contact within the NHS Trust and they also fully agreed with what I had put before them regarding the benefits relating to healing. So even though healers are labelled as complementary therapists. If you are requested to give healing by a patient who is in an NHS facility or Hospice or a patient's family member, please try to make it clear to the NHS Staff that you are healers and healing is non-invasive which does not include any form of massage or manipulation.

I hope that this information spurs you into approaching your local NHS facility or Hospice to get healing restored to its recognised position that it once enjoyed.

Good luck to you all.

Sheila Holmes – Chair, British Alliance of Healing Associations.

## Confederation of Healing Organisations

The CHO is delighted to announce it has taken ownership of the British Register of Complementary Practitioners (BRCP) – one of the UK's longest running multi-disciplinary registers of CAM (complementary and alternative medicine) practitioners from the ICNM (Institute of Complementary & Natural Medicine), which is to close.

This acquisition will enable aspiring complementary therapists to train from student level to senior practitioners at BRCP accredited colleges – fully supported along their career paths.



One of the benefits the CHO will bring to BRCP members is the experience gained from its significant progress in raising the profile of Healing, through a robust public relations campaign. This continually raises the debate on Healing and related therapies in the national, regional, local, online and broadcast media. Furthermore, the CHO has embarked on live shows such as the Mind Body Spirit & Wellbeing Festivals in addition to active engagement on social media. The CHO will extend its dedicated marketing to the BRCP, promoting members, including them in high profile events and bringing case studies of success to the fore.

Sue Knight, chief executive of the CHO, commented: "The greatest significance of this acquisition is that both the CHO and the BRCP are renowned for their authority, track record and credibility. Bringing them closer will build on trust honed among the general public and widespread practitioners. We're also excited about the unique synergy this acquisition will bring. While both organisations are seen as the hallmark of best practice, the CHO brings its 'spiritual heart' – both are essential components in the delivery of patient care.

"Healing and other complementary therapies go hand in hand when it comes to educating the public how they support and enhance medical treatment. We look forward to leading the debate, improving standards and furthering education for what brings immense benefits to society."

During acquisition negotiations it was uncovered that Michael Endacott was involved in the founding of both organisations. Endacott played an integral part in initiatives to develop a centralised approach to multi-discipline regulation and registration of complementary medical practitioners.

Endacott was celebrated among the healing community for his unstinting optimism to unite natural healers, complementary medical practitioners and alternative therapists, to develop an

educational system that would promote good quality practice.

All BRCP members will retain existing member benefits in addition to those offered by the CHO, including parliamentary representation through the CHO's membership of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Integrated Healthcare.

The BRCP is one of the longest-running, multi-disciplinary registers of CAM professional practitioners in the UK. It promotes quality, best practice, raising educational standards and integrated medicine.

## **Balens Continuing Professional Development Day**

Monday 22nd May 2017 at the NEC in Birmingham, Balens are holding their 5th annual CPD Conference

For details see the Balens web site:  
<http://www.balens.co.uk/cpd.aspx>

## **Charity Commission Consultation**

The Charity Commission are running a survey of Complementary Therapy Charities.

The closing date is 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017

We urge all healers and other therapists to get involved, and to encourage their clients to take part. The consultation can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/charity-regulator-consults-on-its-approach-to-organisations-promoting-complementary-and-alternative-medicines>