

Delivering DDP through the ASF in England

General Guidance from DDP Connects UK for organisations and clinicians being commissioned to deliver Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy (DDP) through the Adoption Support Fund (ASF)

N.B. This only applies to England.

This is a complex issue that needs to be navigated carefully and in discussion with the consultant or experienced practitioner supervising the clinicians work.

Clinicians may be commissioned through the ASF to deliver services because of their core training e.g. Creative Therapists such as Play Therapists. They are also commissioned for other services that they may be trained in such as Theraplay. We are only concerned here with clinicians being commissioned for a DDP intervention through the ASF.

Clinicians using DDP in their work and accessing the ASF because of this have to fulfil certain criteria.

It is helpful to review the different stages of training that a clinician might be at in their DDP training:

Stage 1.	Those who have completed DDP Level One can describe themselves as 'beginning' to apply the DDP principles within their practice.
Stage 2.	Those who have completed DDP Level Two can describe themselves as 'developing their use of the DDP principles within their practice'.
Stage 3.	Those who have completed DDP Level One and Two and are receiving supervision from a certified DDP Consultant or from an experienced DDP Practitioner who has been recommended to DDP Connects UK by a DDP Consultant can describe themselves as 'practising in a way that is informed by the DDP model' (if they do not have the required core therapy training this is as far as they will be able to proceed at present).
Stage 4.	Clinicians who have started the practicum can describe themselves as a 'DDP Practitioner in Training'. These 'practitioners in training' will have met the professional training requirements from their core training for entering the practicum.
Stage 5.	Those practitioners who have successfully completed the practicum can describe themselves as a 'certified DDP Practitioner'.
Stage 6.	Practitioner's fulfil the renewal process when required.

It is DDP Connects UK's view that:

1. Clinician's being commissioned through the ASF where DDP has been requested must be open and honest about their stage of training as outlined above with any commissioning organisation such as a Regional Adoption Agency (RAA) or Local Authority (LA).
2. Clinicians can be commissioned through the ASF once they are at Stage 3 as outlined above. They must inform the commissioning organisation who their named DDP experienced Practitioner or Consultant is providing their DDP informed supervision. It is recommended that these clinicians have a core training that already provides experienced therapeutic interventions from an attachment and developmental trauma perspective.
3. That the clinicians stage in training must be made explicit throughout the work and at each point of review so that families and Commissioners are made aware.

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