

# **The International Association Of Waveform Energetics Code of Conduct**

Members must accept that by joining the International Association Of Waveform Energetics they are agreeing to abide by these Codes of Conduct and Ethics.

**This code contains information, which is for your own protection.**

## **For all members**

- a) Always act in such a manner as to promote and safeguard the interests and well-being of colleagues and clients, and the integrity of the Association
- b) Ensure that no action or omission on your part, or within your sphere of responsibility is detrimental to the interests, condition or safety of colleagues or clients.
- c) Where required, maintain approved and appropriate professional indemnity insurance cover.

## **For Registered Practitioners**

- a) Acknowledge any limitations in your knowledge and competence and decline to treat anyone unless able to do so in a safe and competent manner.
- b) Maintain and improve your professional competence.
- c) Give treatment only with the client's informed consent, ensuring the client is aware of and understands the nature of the treatment to be given.
- d) Conduct yourself in an honourable manner in your relations with other practitioners.
- e) Work in a co-operative manner with colleagues and where appropriate other health-care professionals and recognise and respect their particular contribution to the client's well being.
- f) Recognise and respect the uniqueness and dignity of each client irrespective of their ethnic origin, class, religious beliefs, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability or personal attributes.
- g) Avoid any abuse of your privileged relationship with clients.
- h) Avoid entering into any business, financial, commercial or other relationship with a client, to your advantage, that could exploit your privileged relationship with them.
- h) Keep clear records of all appointments and treatments.
- i) Protect all confidential information concerning clients obtained in the course of professional practice and make disclosures only with written consent, where required by order of a court or where disclosure is in the wider public interest.
- j) Ensure that your therapy is practiced in an environment that is appropriate, safe, clean and comfortable.

k) Assist professional colleagues and where appropriate other health-care professionals in the context of your own knowledge, experience and sphere of responsibility, to develop their professional competence.

## **GUIDELINES for PRACTICE**

### **Children**

- 1) The written consent of the parent or legal guardian should be obtained before giving treatment to anyone under the age of sixteen.
- 2) It is a criminal offence if a parent or guardian does not provide adequate medical aid for a child under the age of sixteen. In law Complementary therapy is not considered to be a medical aid and therefore a practitioner who provides treatment for a child whose parents are not providing adequate medical aid may be considered to aid and abet the offence.
- 3) Where it is known that the parents are not receiving medical attention for the child, Members are most strongly advised to secure the signature of the parent or guardian to the following statement:

*I have been advised by (name of Member) that according to law I should consult a doctor concerning the health of my child, (name of child).*

*Signed (parent or guardian)*

*Date*

*Witness (signature of person witnessing)*

This statement shall be kept with the client's records.

### **Mental Incapacity**

If a person is deemed to be incapable or unable to give or refuse consent for any treatment due to mental incapacity, you are advised as a therapist, to act only in the client's best interests and with the agreement of their legal guardian.

### **Venereal Disease**

Under the Venereal Diseases Act 1917 it is illegal to treat knowingly for reward, whether direct or indirect (e.g. for a 'contribution') syphilis, gonorrhoea or soft chancre. Therefore you may not treat clients with these diseases unless the treatment is entirely free.

### **Herbs**

The law relating to the sale and prescription of herbs is obscure but if a Member does sell or prescribe herbs, s/he must check that they are legally entitled to do so.

### **Animals**

The practice of Therapy as referred to in these Rules and Regulations refers to practice on people only. The following information provides basic legal guidance only and not advice to practice.

Anyone wishing to pursue this practice should seek advice and insurance through appropriate organisations.

1) The Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 prohibits anyone other than a qualified veterinary surgeon from treating animals, including diagnosis of ailments and the giving of advice based on such diagnosis.

Treatment can be administered to an animal, if the animal has been seen by a vet, and the vet prescribes and/or agrees to the treatment.

2) The rendering of emergency first aid to animals is, however, permissible for the purpose of saving life or relieving pain. What constitutes an emergency must be a question for the judgment of the individual Member. The Protection of Animals Act 1911 lays down as an obligation that if an animal needs treatment from a veterinary surgeon the owner must be advised to obtain this.

### **Advertising**

1) Advertising by Members of the International Association of Waveform Energetics shall be guided by the Codes of Conduct and Ethics.

2) A Teacher Wvf (T) or Assistant waveform Teacher Wvf (AT) may advertise that s/he is a Registered Teacher with the International Association Of Waveform Energetics.

3) All graduate members of the International Association of Waveform Energetics may use the initials **Wvf**

4) Non-graduate members shall not use their membership of the Association in any advertising.

5) Advertising shall be in keeping with the integrity of the Association.

7) Advertising shall not make claims of superiority or curability.

8) Advertising shall not make detrimental comparisons between other members of the Association or other Associations