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Coaching Round Table reaches key milestone in collaborating on the topic of Coaching and Mentoring Supervision framework.

“The Coaching Roundtable, providing a forum for discussion and collaboration among the coaching professional bodies, today releases its plans to continue to build on the work done for Supervision by an initial pilot project recently. This paves the way for a major collaborative exercise to ensure Supervision that is both effective at safeguarding coaching standards while enabling each organisation to focus on its members’ specific needs.”

The Coaching Round Table has released their intermediary findings and examples of the work of the Supervision Steering Group to date. Highlights are:

- Coaching and Mentoring Supervision is of central importance for coaches and mentors to manage their own learning and development in order to improve their ongoing practice. It benefits both our coaches and their clients as it is about enhancing all that is good about the service and diminish all that is poor. It is not a policing mechanism.
- We see collaboration as a key objective between our Associations. We plan to work on other areas of professional practice along with other key tools such as CPD, practice hours, etc. All of which are important in a responsible profession. Supervision needs to be consistent with the coaching philosophy of positive support and adding value to its clients - both coaches and, indirectly, coachees: this is about professional development, not rules-based enforcement.
- In order to ensure that Supervision is both of high quality and provides value-for-money, Supervisors are likely to be drawn from the ranks of Accredited Coaches, and who bring special depth and range of experience and background, and receive additional training where necessary.

There is tremendous energy about this project. Clients get the best deal and coaches improve continuously. The next step is to formalise a core set of definitions and processes that each organisation can then add to, to suit their own members’ needs.”

The UK professional bodies participating in the Round Table agree to continue to work together on this ongoing project to define standards in this area. They are also delighted that representatives of the British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP) and the Special Group of Coaching Psychology of the British Psychological Society (SGCP, BPS) will be joining these valuable discussions in 2009.”



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