

## **International Association of Health Dowsers**

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 1. To be or remain a member of the Association, the member must accept this Code of Conduct, any breach of which may result in disciplinary action.
- 2. Members of the Association are expected to maintain the highest ethical and practical standards in their business.
- Members are subject to laws of the United Kingdom or the law of the land of residence and abide as such.
- 4. Members must never disclose personal details about clients to anyone unless required to do so under statutory authority or at the request of a legal authority, such as a judge. In the case or in the public interest the matter has to be brought to the Governing Body and this Body shall decide appropriate action. If there is any doubt on the release of the information the therapist must seek advice first from the IAHD.
- 5. Whenever possible, if disclosure of information which can be linked directly to a person is necessarily to be disclosed, then written agreement must be sought from the person, or a close associate, should the person be unable to sign a letter of agreement.
- 6. In cases where a person (or animal) is unable to confirm their wish, e.g. children, elderly, confused persons, no treatment should be offered or given without the explicit approval of the parent or carer, or other designated person (legal body) agreeing to the treatment.
- 7. No treatment should be given without first agreeing on terms/conditions and the fees being charged if charges apply.
- 8. No promise or statements insinuating that people can be cured or returned to full health must be made at any time.
- 9. Details of client's medical condition, history, current medication and treatment (if any) along with treatment, progress and notes, particularly if an incident occurs, must be written down for reference. This could be vital if any incident resulting from treatment goes to court.
- 10. In order to retain membership of the Association, it is required that when required members must provide evidence of further relevant training. Records

must be kept of this Continuous Professional Development (CPD). Only in extenuating circumstances will members be exempt from this clause. In such cases evidence of proof of competence must be provided.

- 11. Member therapists are expected to maintain and improve their expertise in their Therapy and dowsing fields in order to work safely and competently.
- 12. Member dowsing therapists must have appropriate professional liability insurance cover for their work.
- 13. Members should be aware of the possible dangers of working alone with patients of the same or opposite sex. It is suggested that therapists with any doubts about treating clients alone should make arrangements to have another person present.
- 14. Care must be taken to ensure that dowsing therapists don't leave themselves open to attack or lay themselves open to indecent assault charges. It is recommended that there should be another person present during the treatment if the member has any doubts about their safety or the possibility of incriminating circumstances arising.
- 15. In cases where judgement is made against a member in a Court of Law then membership of this Association will be immediately terminated.
- 16. In cases where a member is in dispute with a fellow member or with a patient, the matter will be placed before no less than three members of the Governing Body. This number shall exclude the Chairman and shall preferably be made up from members from another area.
- 17. If a decision cannot be reached at the investigation and hearing(s), then the Chairman has the deciding vote.
- 18. If it is deemed necessary, a member found violating the Code of Conduct of this organisation can be issued with a reprimand, a letter of warning, or be dismissed from this Association.
- 19. Membership will be deemed terminated if a member cancels their membership, fails to pay their annual membership fee or insurance cover, or no longer practices.
- Members are expected to treat everyone regardless of their ethnic origins, religion or sexuality in an appropriate manner.