

CLIENT CONSENT

Professional services

As part of providing any professional services to you, I will need to collect and record personal information from you that is relevant to your current situation. This information is a necessary part of any professional service conducted, and assists the quality of the service I can provide to you.

Access

You may view the material recorded in your file by giving two weeks notice in writing, subject to the exceptions in National Privacy Principle 6.

Confidentiality

What you, your partner or any member of your family say to me is confidential. This means that I cannot disclose what you have told me to others. Equally, any information kept in your file is also confidential. I will explain how confidentiality applies to me and my work with you in more detail during your appointment. Personal information gathered by me will remain confidential and secure except when:

- 1. It is subpoenaed by a court, or
- 2. Failure to disclose the information would place you or another person at risk; or
- 3. Your prior approval has been obtained to
  - a) Provide a written report to another professional or agency. E.g., a GP or a lawyer; or
  - b) Discuss the material with another person, e.g., a parent or employer.

Fees, appointments and cancellations

The cost of a one hour initial consultation is \$150, and \$120 for second and subsequent sessions. (Currently The Australian Psychological Society’s recommended fee for a 60 minute consultation is \$196). Fees are payable at the end of each session by cash or cheque. Keeping your appointment is your responsibility. If for some reason you need to cancel or postpone the appointment, please give me at least 48 hours notice, otherwise you will be charged for 1/2 the cost of the session, and for the full cost without 24 hours

Charter for Clients of Psychologists

The attached Charter explains your rights as a client of a psychologist.

I, (print your name in Block Capitals)

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have read and understood the above Consent form. I agree to these conditions for the service provided by Lisa Barahona.

Signature.....

Date.....

