

SWALE FORUM OF HOLISTIC PRACTITIONERS (SFHP) - CONSTITUTION

Name

The association is named: Swale Forum of Holistic Practitioners; hereafter named by its abbreviation SFHP.

Mission

“To be the leading forum for holistic practitioners (within the charities, not for profit, and voluntary sector) in the Swale & surrounding area. To encourage the development of Complementary Therapies and best practice in the Swale & surrounding area, by:

- ❖ providing a forum for members to meet regularly to exchange information, experiences and views
- ❖ providing an authoritative register of professional, qualified and insured practitioners
- ❖ encouraging continuous professional development via training courses and professional certification
- ❖ encouraging and supporting the development of a members Treatment Exchange Scheme
- ❖ providing a website with a practitioner register and information for the general public and health professionals
- ❖ actively campaigning to raise awareness of the Complementary Therapies provided by the Members”

Membership

Categories of Membership

- ❖ **Practitioner Membership:** Should be either living or working within the Swale and surrounding area. They should also hold an appropriate qualification and professional indemnity, products liability (if applicable) and public liability insurance.
- ❖ **Student Membership:** Open to those currently studying for a relevant professional qualification.
- ❖ **Associate Membership:** Open to non practising members wishing to participate in SFHP activities.

Members are required to agree to, abide by, and consent to the SFHP Constitution.

SFHP reserves the right to decline, suspend, or revoke membership without notice without liability if membership fees are not paid, if there is any breach of this Constitution, if information is falsely provided, if it is believed that the SFHP web site and/or services are or have been misused in any way, if SFHP receive complaints concerning members services, (which are upheld) or if it is believed that any action(s) may cause legal liability for members and/or for SFHP.

Officers

The Membership will appoint by election three of its members to act as Officers. They will be represent SFHP on behalf of the membership, will act as signatories and will collectively investigate any complaint made by or against any member.

The Officers will be:

- ❖ Co-Ordinator
- ❖ Deputy Co-Ordinator
- ❖ Treasurer

The Co-Ordinator & Deputy Co-Ordinator will serve for a period of 12 months, may be re-appointed but may only serve for a maximum of 2 consecutive years, and 3 years in total.

The Treasurer will serve for a period of 24 months may be re-appointed but may only serve for a maximum of 4 consecutive years.

Full details of the roles of the officers will be circulated with the nomination forms each year.

Administration and Finance

The SFHP will be operated on a self-funding, non profit-making basis with all running costs met from subscriptions and / or commercial activities.

In the event that SFHP incurs a profit, such financial resources may only be used to further the aims and objectives of SFHP.

Liability

Member(s), visitors, users, and those that interact with SFHP directly or indirectly in any way, agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless SFHP, its officers and members, from and against any claims, actions or demands, including without limitation reasonable legal and accounting fees, made by a member, members, any third party due to or resulting from membership of SFHP, use of the SFHP web site, use of services or the web site content, including without limitation claims against SFHP for unsatisfactory performance of web site availability, or service provision.

Subscriptions

The membership will vote annually on the level of subscription for the subsequent membership year commencing 1 April.

Subscriptions for members joining during the year can be charged on a pro-rata basis.

Protocol for changes to Constitution

Any amendment to the constitution may only be made at a full members meeting, with a quorum of at least 4 members present (not including officers of the association). Any amendment must be proposed, seconded and passed by a majority vote.