College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario

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Policy on Zero Tolerance of Sexual Abuse by Registrants

PURPOSE

To establish the College's stance on sexual abuse by registrants.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all registrants of CRPO.

DEFINITIONS

Client: For the purpose of sexual abuse allegations, an individual is a client of a registrant if there is direct interaction between the registrant and the individual, and any of the following conditions are satisfied:

- The registrant has, in respect of a health care service provided by the registrant to the individual, charged or received payment from the individual or a third party on behalf of the individual.
- The registrant has contributed to a health record or file for the individual.
- The individual has consented to the health care service recommended by the registrant.

For the purposes of sexual abuse allegations, an individual remains a client for five years following the termination of the professional relationship.

POLICY

The College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario (CRPO) has a "zero tolerance" policy concerning sexual abuse of clients by any registrant. Any act of sexual abuse is a misuse of power and a betrayal of trust.

The College recognizes the vulnerability of all clients and as such, is committed to ensuring the highest standards of practice for all registrants, as well as a respectful and transparent discipline process that is accessible and sensitive for all.