



A registered mental health charity providing key early intervention psychological support to children, young people (up to age 18) and their families predominantly on low incomes, whilst remaining accessible to all. More information via: www.familycounsellingtrust.org

COUNTY CLINICAL LEAD – Voluntary role (c. 1-2 hours per week)

The County Clinical Lead (CCL) - has the following clinical responsibilities:

- Ensuring clinical operations in the county are carried out in accordance with FCT policy and appropriate regulation.
- Providing clinical input and support to the FLORA, when needed.
- Leading the county Referral Panel (RP) and appointing mental health professionals to the Referral Panel, when necessary.
- Providing guidance to practitioners working in the FCT county, if required.
- Taking the final decision on any clinical matter within the county upon which there may be doubt or dispute.
- The Clinical Lead would also be the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).
- To support the recruitment/interviewing + approve appointments of the county practitioners. To support the appointment of the county FLORA and liaise with the CEO.
- Organising at least one clinical study period a year to which all practitioners working with FCT in the county should be invited. Other non-FCT practitioners may also be invited on a commercial basis. (this is supported by the training team)
- Keeping the CEO and County Chair briefed on any clinical matter that has the potential to impact adversely on the reputation of FCT.
- Clinical Leads can access a nominated clinical FCT Trustee for advice and oversight, and to the Clinical Governance Committee for policy direction.

* CCLs would be psychiatrists, psychologists, psychotherapists, senior mental health practitioners or nurse consultants with appropriate and extensive experience.

Background: Each county in which the FCT operates has a committee as follows:

- County Chair - voluntary. The core function of the County Chair is to create and lead the county committee to fulfil an ambassadorial role/promoting the FCT service and fundraising, whilst staying up to date with service needs/levels and practitioner numbers within the county.
- County Clinical Lead (CCL)- voluntary. (Please see the role description above).
- County Fundraising Lead - voluntary. Responsibility for developing and leading the county's approach to fundraising, working closely with the County Chair and CEO.

This committee is linked into the County Family Liaison Officer and Recruitment Administrator:

- Family Liaison Officer and Recruitment Administrator (FLORA) - paid. The FLORA acts as the point of contact for referrers, including self-referrers, families/clients and practitioners, and for recruiting and administering practitioners. The FLORA links in with the Clinical Lead as necessary.

In addition, each county has in place i) a Referral Panel comprising a minimum of 3 qualified and experienced mental health professionals.