

# **REPORT TO NZAP COUNCIL, NOVEMBER 2023**

## **From the Chair of the Ethics and Professional Standards Committee**

### **General:**

As a newly appointed Chair it has been a busy time the past three months. I thank Council Executive and the wider Council for astute support and guidance.

### **Committee:**

Thanks to John Savage, the only current committee member, for assisting with orientation.

An initial focus has been on further building a committee, and a meeting is scheduled with a potential member. I will update Council on outcomes and progress.

A robust functioning committee will enable a diverse focus on current clinical, social and political issues affecting Psychotherapists.

### **Complaints:**

Support for Respondent Members.

Three members have engaged with the Chair for support regarding direct or indirect issues around a formal Complaints Process.

Further emails and calls have been fielded from members of the public, clarifying issues around Complaints process. Some enquiries have not been about Psychotherapists, so re-directive information was offered.

### **LGBTIQA+:**

Continuing to be thoughtful about, and respond to, the current wealth of activity in Aotearoa New Zealand. This is ongoing and the Ethics Committee, along with Council, are very engaged with this at present.

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Chair of Ethics and Professional Standards Committee