

Peer supervision



Planning for effective group work
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Roles in Peer supervision

- Supervisee
- Practitioner
- Group member
- Co-supervisor

(from Proctor and Inskipp, 2001)



Levels of agreement and alliances

Proctor and Inskipp (2001)

- The professional contract
- The group working agreement (agreements that need to be negotiated to forge a working alliance)
- Session agenda (the specific agreement at the beginning of each session)
- Mini contract for a particular piece of supervision



The professional contract

- What accountability is expected of participants?
- Code of ethics and code of practice
- Confidentiality in context
- Overall ration of supervision to contact hours
- Participant's rights, responsibilities, and lines of communication with all employers



Agreement and alliances

- The group working agreement
 - The working arrangements (time allocation, method of presenting, pattern of sessions, review)
 - Ground rules
 - Individual responsibility of participants to identify their learning needs and what helps them



Session agenda

- Agreement made at the beginning of each session about what will be covered in time available guided but not constrained by the group working agreement



What happens within the session

- Up for negotiation-supervision of supervision
- Influenced by your orientation/context/aims
- As informal/formal as the group finds helpful
- May wish to experiment
- Contract/PBL must be included over duration of the group



The task today

- To split into your peer groups
- To discuss these ‘arrangements’ and the issues we have covered
- To begin to make a group supervision contract
- This contract should be completed at second peer group meeting and copy kept for your portfolio



A word about your PBL exercise

- You could fill all your time as a peer group working to meet the demands of the exercise
- But...this means that you won't really be functioning as a supervisory peer group
- So we want you to put limits around your input regarding meeting solely the expectations of the Portfolio.



Further meetings

- It is suggested that you meet your peer groups approx 4 times prior to Day 4
- To integrate both the PBL exercise and to experience supervising as a groups
- Day 4 and beyond?