

# Tender for Sessional Counsellors in the Border Region of the Republic of Ireland (Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim, Cavan, Monaghan and Louth)

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Invitation for tenders from Counsellors to be included in the Approved Sub Contractor List for Fighting Blindness

Need To Talk (NTT) is a cross border counselling, confidence building and peer support programme for socially isolated people with sight loss across Northern Ireland (NI), Ayrshire & Arran, part of Highlands & Islands in Western Scotland (WSc) and the Border Counties of the Republic of Ireland (BCI). NTT is supported by the European Union's INTERREG VA Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).

The Need to Talk counselling and confidence building initiative will be delivered through partnership between RNIB NI and Scotland, and Fighting Blindness in the Republic of Ireland.

Fighting Blindness seeks to establish a panel of counselling psychotherapists (counsellors). In this role, you will provide therapeutic counselling in the border counties of the Republic of Ireland. The panel of counsellors will be used on a call off basis to provide face-to-face counselling for clients of all ages, including children and young people (eleven years plus), under the Need To Talk (NTT) initiative in the counties of Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim, Cavan, Monaghan and Louth.

### Applicants must:

1. be accredited members of the IACP and/or BACP.
2. demonstrate they have trained in the integrative and humanistic approach to psychotherapy.
3. demonstrate their ability to practice in a person-centred manner.
4. provide evidence of previous experience. (Working with sight loss is not essential however it would be an advantage.)
5. demonstrate their experience of using counselling assessment tools.
6. provide counselling in fully accessible venues.
7. in order to ensure clinical governance consent Fighting Blindness to have a relationship with the therapists supervisor.
8. provide certificate of professional indemnity & public liability insurance cover to a minimum of €6.5 million and evidence of renewal as appropriate together with a letter of indemnity from insurers to Fighting

Blindness.

9. undertake successful completion of the safeguarding process i.e letter from An Garda Siochana or Access NI as appropriate prior to being appointed.

10. provide satisfactory evidence of right to work in the country where necessary.

11. provide a tax clearance certificate or in its absence, agreement to withhold tax from payments.

12. candidates will also be required to attend and pass a competency based interview.

### **How to apply?**

For full details and to apply, please click here <http://www.rnib.org.uk/tender-sessional-counsellors-border-region-republic-ireland-donegal-sligo-leitrim-cavan-monaghan-and> [2]

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