

ABA now regulated in UK, great news!

January 10th was a huge day for ABA in the UK. It now comes under a serious UK regulator, the Professional Standards Authority (PSA). This puts registered ABA professionals on an equal footing with their colleagues such as SALTs and OTs. Now hopefully all UK ABA professionals will get onto the register, improving consumer protection and taking the pressure off us consumers from checking DBS, insurance, safeguarding training etc.

The PSA is an independent regulatory authority accountable to the UK parliament and will now accredit the UK-SBA register of ABA professionals. The PSA also 'regulates the regulators', including the HCPC (which regulates SALTs and OTs) and the GMC (which regulates doctors).

This move means we consumers of ABA can now enjoy the protections brought by a PSA-accredited register - knowing that professionals on the register have proper insurance, proper DBS, proper safeguarding training, have signed up to a stringent ethical and professional code of conduct, and have the correct qualifications. We also have recourse to a robust complaints system if something goes wrong. It embeds ABA firmly in the UK regulatory system and is a step-change in the UK market.

Now we consumers need to encourage the ABA professionals we employ to get onto the register, taking the pressure off us from doing all the checks. The PSA mark of quality next to a professional's name (see pic) is what we need to see to have the assurance and consumer protection of PSA accreditation.

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