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A call for practitioners to join our combined workgroup: Research, Development and Pioneers (RDP). This bulletin describes who we are, where we are going, why we need to get there, and how we will achieve it:

The Research & Development and the Pioneers Workgroups have merged in order to advance the opportunities for expanding our knowledge and understanding of the science behind Reiki. RDP has evolved from the need to deliver a systematic approach to the integration of clinical governance with complementary and alternative medicine as it relates to Reiki and its effects upon the UKRF membership.

Where are we going? By amalgamating the different working groups (Research & Development and Pioneers) a more coherent approach can be taken towards achieving the requisite standards required by clinical governance.

Why we need to get there: The changing medical paradigm has opened up opportunities for a client focused approach in integrated healthcare. To enable Reiki practitioners to identify and achieve the minimum professional standards required by healthcare legislation, we need to understand what is required of us to participate as a fellow professional in the healthcare service.

Towards this end, we are working to build development partnerships with a number of healthcare trusts which embody the principles and practice of clinical governance. We also need

your contribution in building a knowledge base of how Reiki is already being used in the healthcare environment.

In our last development newsletter, we asked for you to contact us if you are working as a Reiki practitioner, either voluntarily or professionally, within a professional healthcare setting. We would like to express our appreciation for everyone who has contacted us already. Although we now have enough information to begin building a knowledge base of the extent to which Reiki is being used by practitioners working in this field, we would like to continue to expand our contacts of UKRF members. If you are uncertain of whether you could qualify for membership in our workgroup, please contact Caroline Anson or Robert Jefford who would be pleased to clarify this for you.

We welcome and need your help, as your contribution is invaluable in assisting us in identifying the extent to which Reiki has or can be applied to alleviating existing medical conditions and contributing to expanding the options and choices available in a patient centred approach within the health care profession.

Our next steps will be to develop our own RDP website, aimed at not only UKRF members, but also for other healthcare professionals to access in order to better understand what it is Reiki can offer and how experienced UKRF practitioners are applying Reiki within a particular field of expertise.

We are expanding the research & pioneers mandate to include innovative voluntary practitioners.

Are you a Reiki Practitioner working voluntarily or professionally in one of these environments (or do you know someone you could pass our request onto):

Table 1: Categories in Research, Development & Pioneers

AIDS
Animals (those who work with animals in an voluntary and official capacity, with a vet's approval)
Business and Commercial, Occupational Health
Children
Cancer Care
Community (including GPs, health & day centres)
Complementary and Alternative Therapies (where Reiki is used as a supporting healing modality, such as Aromatherapy with Reiki, Massage with Reiki, Shiatsu with Reiki, Reflexology with Reiki etc)
Distance Healing
Education (further & adult education, colleges and universities)
Hospices (& residential care, homes for the elderly)
Hospitals
RDP International Associates (includes individuals from around the world who wish to be associated with RDP to advance the acceptance and understanding of Reiki by the healthcare profession in their own countries.)
Medical & Paramedical (our UKRF membership who are also doctors, nurses, physios, chiropractors etc., officially practising or promoting Reiki in the statutory sector)
Medical Research
Mental Health (all related conditions, including learning and behavioural difficulties such as ADDH and psychiatric conditions)
Neurological Conditions (e.g. Parkinsons, MS, ME)
Primary Care Trusts
Prisons (& young offenders institutes)
RDP Research Associates (includes national and international medical and educational organisations RDP are working with to advance the understanding of and acceptance of Reiki as a recognised healing modality within the health care profession.)
Youth (including young people who are working with Reiki and also practitioners who are working with young people using Reiki as either primary or secondary healing modality)

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