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Dear Claire,

Re: Awards for Excellence in Counselling and Psychotherapy Practice
Parivarthan Counselling, Training and Research Centre, Bangalore

I am writing to support the above centre in their application for an award.

I visited the centre in March 2008, at the invitation of a Counselling Psychologist from Parivarthan who was attending a workshop on Counselling Supervision which I was running with a colleague at Montfort College in Bangalore.

What immediately struck me was the level of professionalism and commitment to attaining high standards with the limited resources available. The Director and staff of the centre were providing a counselling service and training for counsellors and were committed to the pursuit of excellence and ongoing professional development.

It is a small organisation which is well managed and has a dedicated staff who are providing access to counselling in a community where counselling is a fairly new approach to improving the quality of life. In this context it seems particularly important that high standards are set at the outset and maintained. This is what was evident at Parivarthan.

Teachers are welcomed from overseas and experiential methods encouraged. There was a spirit of innovation and a willingness to learn from us. Since our workshop, arrangements have been made with Montfort College for counselling supervision between the two organisations. Their practice is following BACP guidelines and ethical standards are being maintained.

Counselling is developing in India and there are few organisations providing training for counsellors. I believe that it is important at this stage for initiatives which provide a high standard of service to clients alongside a high standard of training for counsellors, to be recognised and rewarded.

Yours sincerely,

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