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CEO's Message



It has been an inspiring year at TCCR as we pressed on with our key strategic ambition to broaden the base of our work through developing new services that reach out to a wider population and support couples "throughout the lifecycle". This Annual Review highlights some of our achievements and the impact TCCR has had on couples', families' and society's wellbeing.

Our Mission

To ensure that every couple can access effective, affordable couple interventions to support their relationship and family life.

Our Values

- We believe that family stability, good quality relationships and emotional security are the foundation to wellbeing in both individuals and society
- We believe that our mission must be delivered with a real concern for social justice and with a commitment to celebrating diversity in every area of our work
- We believe that intellectual curiosity and rigour must run through all the work that we do
- We believe that TCCR should be a 'learning community' with opportunities for the development of all staff
- We believe that we must deliver no less than excellence in all of our services

Our Aims

- To promote the study and practice of psychotherapy and counselling and its application in a variety of settings
- To provide professional clinical services designed to improve the quality of adult couple relationships and alleviate family distress and breakdown
- To deliver training, consultation and innovative programmes which are designed to enhance and develop services to couples and families
- To undertake research and publication of work that contributes to and promotes both professional and public understanding of couple and family relationships

This year we have developed new ways of working, delivering effective, ground-breaking services to couples and parents from all walks of life; all ethnic groups: all sexualities and all ages. We have also introduced new training programmes that reach out to practitioners working in tough, deprived areas of the country as well as to senior advanced therapists looking for stimulating, high quality professional development.

Across this complex and varied programme of work, our focus remains firmly on the couple relationship both because we see this focus as central to societal and individual wellbeing and also because there is so much more to learn about this most private relationship.

No couple exists in isolation from either their personal history or their social context and these influences are vividly alive in the relationship created between longterm partners. TCCR's work therefore must take account of both the internal and external worlds; on the one hand, helping couples negotiate real life challenges such as child-rearing, work and ill health and, on the other, helping couples to examine and negotiate the intergenerational psychological terrain that colours all relationships.

Indeed, understanding the true nature and complexity of relationships demands that knowledge and understanding is inched forward using a broad but rigorous multi-disciplinary, multi-modal approach.

TCCR firmly believes in the centrality of the couple relationship to a healthy, thriving society. Couples provide the containing framework that underpins how we care and nurture families, children, the old and the vulnerable as well as importantly providing care and nurture for ourselves. The pressures on the public purse, brought about by the recession, have focused minds on the need for families to become more self-reliant and for interventions to build resilience so that families can be both socially and economically productive.

Working with the couple relationship needs to be at the heart of building such resilience. The exact cost of relationship breakdown to society is hard to calculate but it is generally acknowledged to be in the tens of billions of pounds and each pound powerfully symbolises the multiple painful impacts of unhappy families.

During the year we have also developed relationships with existing and new partners, created strategic alliances and embarked on a number of ambitious projects, further strengthening our voice at the heart of a changing social policy landscape.

Over the last few years, small but significant steps have been taken towards the recognition of the importance of relationships to our health, wellbeing, economic prosperity and happiness – there is still much more to be done, but a seismic shift is getting underway. Here at TCCR, with our ears to the ground, we can feel it coming.

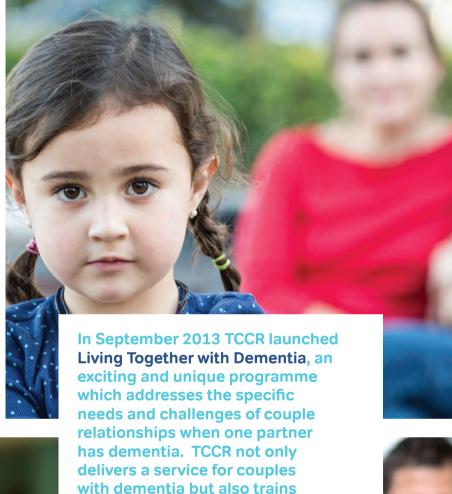
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Highlights



An innovative parenting programme was launched in July 2013 for parents who want to resolve relationship issues that can impact on their ability to parent their children effectively. TCCR joined forces with Family Action to successfully pilot the Parents as Partners programme across six London boroughs, before expanding the sessions to families in Manchester in summer 2014.



professionals working in the mental

health and social care sector.

In October 2013 TCCR was further praised for its provision of sensitive, quality services for the LGBT community and was presented with the Bernard Ratigan Award for Psychoanalysis and Diversity at the British Psychoanalytic Council's 'Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Now' conference.



The opening of the "New Street" centre in the City, allowed the charity to meet the increasing demand for counselling and therapy services from couples experiencing difficulties with their relationships, offering an additional 3,000 sessions in its first six months.

In January 2014 the DfE sponsored CanParent Quality Mark for Parenting Classes was launched in Parliament. The **Quality Mark supports charities** and independent providers of parenting classes to offer more effective and relationally focused services. TCCR forms part of the consortium, led by Parenting UK together with The Family and Childcare Trust and Ecorys UK, to deliver the Quality Mark assurance process and other support to the parenting sector.



Couple Therapy for
Depression: A Clinician's
Guide to Integrative Practice
was published by Oxford
University Press in June
2014. The book, written by
senior TCCR faculty staff is
derived from TCCR's training
programme in Couple Therapy
for Depression which was
originally commissioned by the
Department of Health in 2009.

Courses & Training











Commissioned Training

Due to the successes of last year's training, the Department for Education (DfE) once again commissioned TCCR to deliver its Building and Increasing Effectiveness and Value courses to frontline staff working in children's and family services.

This year the DfE also commissioned TCCR to create and deliver a new training programme for senior staff working in Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services.

TCCR is aiming for radical system change in the way that children's services work with families. Tailored trainings, developed by TCCR and aimed at senior members of staff, give frontline workers both the understanding and the tools needed to address relationship issues within their sectors. Data gathered from 499 Early Years and CAMHS course participants showed that they and their 2,620 supervisees

were working with over 46,000 cases; demonstrating the breadth of influence and impact of our courses. Further analysis has shown that for every supervisor TCCR trains, it impacts on around 93 families.

A wide range of agencies across the UK have contacted TCCR this year for training in understanding and working with relationship distress. TCCR presented bespoke courses to agencies as diverse as Changing Futures in Hartlepool, who support families and young people, and the family department of international law firm Mishcon De Reva.

Training on domestic violence was provided to senior NSPCC staff and training in peri-natal couple dynamics was delivered to health visitors at City University. The Linda McCartney Cancer Centre in Liverpool also commissioned training, as did several London boroughs including Islington and Westminster.

Number of students increased to 4,649 representing a 17% increase

93%
of our students
rated their
learning
experience good
or excellent





Therapy Services





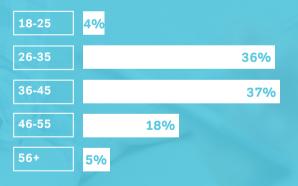
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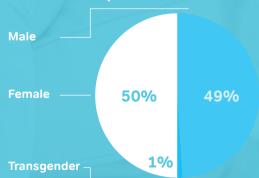
Services for Everyone

TCCR continues to offer its services to everyone, whatever their financial circumstances. The charity serves a highly diverse community, with the ethnic mix of our clients continuing to represent London's diversity, with many of our couples being in mixed race partnerships. Analysis of our demographic data shows that just fewer than 9% of our clients described themselves as lesbian, gay or bisexual and our gender mix was equally balanced between men and women, with 1% describing themselves as transgender.





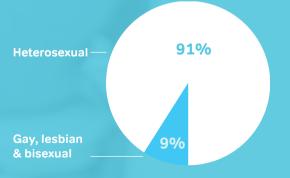
Our Clients by Sex



Our Clients by Ethnic Background



Our Clients by Sexual Orientation



Projects

During 2013-14, TCCR has developed four major new projects, each designed to test an innovative therapeutic approach to couple and family relationship issues. The research team will evaluate the outcomes for each project, enabling us to gather detailed data and learning to help inform the development of future projects and interventions.

Mentalisation Based Treatment – Couple Therapy

TCCR extended its interest in Mentalisation Based Treatment (MBT) approaches by developing a model for couple's therapy alongside our current MBT intervention for separated parents. MBT-CT is designed to help couples where problems are complex and emotional self-control is extremely limited. These developments place TCCR in the unique position of developing a variety of mentalisation based interventions for a range of vulnerable clients with unmet needs and this has already sparked interest both nationally and internationally.



TCCR strives to find effective and relational ways of addressing one of society's biggest problems of how to help give those diagnosed with dementia the best quality of life, whilst also supporting the partner to experience being a partner first and a carer second. The ground-breaking Living Together With Dementia intervention pilot, funded by Camden Council, is designed to test the idea that sustaining a positive experience of the couple relationship will help couples to continue to live together and reduce the need for residential care. This new intervention is seeking to change the way older peoples' services are designed and commissioned.





Parents in Dispute

TCCR is committed to both early intervention, and late, effective intensive help such as the Parents in Dispute programme, which began in March 2014 following a successful tender process to the Department for Work and Pensions' Innovation Fund for post separation services. The project, run in conjunction with London Cafcass, which has experienced unprecedented demand, is working with some of the most challenging parents who are locked into long term destructive court battles.



Parents as Partners

This year has seen the pilot and delivery of an exciting 16-session group work programme for parental couples in London. Parents as Partners is based on the highly successful model developed by Professors Philip and Carolyn Cowan in the US and focuses on families who want to reduce the effect of their arguments on their children and learn more positive ways of communicating with each other. The programme, funded by the Department for Education, is a

partnership between TCCR and Family Action, who offer family casework support to participating couples as a unique feature of this programme. Our joint pre-group interviewing process is thought to be a major contributing factor to the extraordinarily high rate of retention – 92% of couples joining the groups completed the 16 week course.

This high completion rate and encouraging feedback from participants has led to the programme being commissioned in other parts of the UK.



Policy











Research

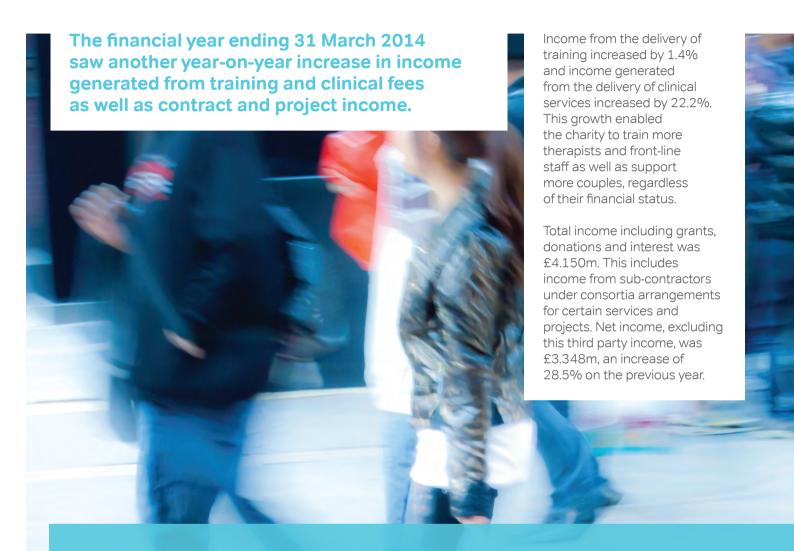
This year saw a huge growth in the number of publications produced by TCCR, which included both peer-reviewed, expert journal papers alongside articles that reached out to a wider readership.





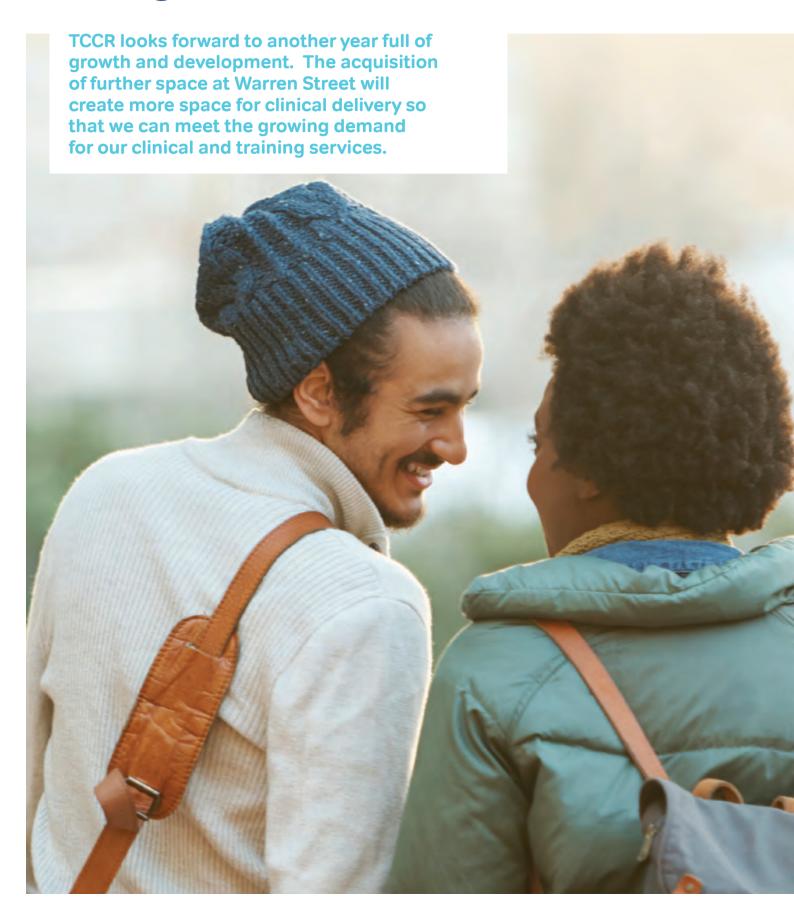


Our Finances



	31 July 2013	31 July 2014
INCOME		
Training Fees	769,000	780,000
Clinical Fees	762,000	931,000
Projects & Contracts	167,000	1,367,000
Grants & Donations	885,000	260,000
Other	20,000	11,000
Total	2,605,000	3,348,000

Looking Forward







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Dr Anton Obholzer has announced his intention to step down as Chair. He has been Chair of the Tavistock Institute of Medical Psychology, TCCR's governing body, for nearly 10 years, during which the organisation has undergone considerable change and growth. He will step down in September 2014 and will be replaced by Nick Pearce.

Nick Pearce, Director of the Institute of Public Policy and Research, previously worked as an adviser in 10 Downing Street, the Home Office, the Cabinet Office and the former Department for Education and Employment. He is also an honorary fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects and is a member of the UK India Roundtable.

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Training - Counselling - Psychotherapy - Research

The Tavistock Centre for Couple Relationships provides a comprehensive range of affordable counselling services for couples and individuals facing relationship problems.

Through its clinical, training and research programmes it supports and improves services to couples and families.

From Central London and the City we operate high quality counselling and psychotherapy services in a safe and confidential environment. Our services are offered on a sliding scale and we aim to see everyone who approaches us, whatever their income. Our experienced therapists aim to help people get their relationships back on track so that it can be a partnership from which they can grow and develop

Our services also include help for parents who need support to work together effectively for the sake of their children, as well as specialised help for those going through divorce and separation or those facing specific problems in their sexual relationship.

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