



United Kingdom Rehabilitation Council

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How is Rehabilitation defined?

The UKRC's definition:

“A process of active change by which a disabled person achieves optimal physical, psychological and social function.”

The Council's common goal is to ensure access to high quality health and vocational rehabilitation services in the UK.

The Council – who are we?

- A community of rehabilitation associations, rehabilitation providers, purchasers, professional bodies and many other stakeholder groups.
- It will act as an umbrella organisation and provide a united voice for rehabilitation
- It will not replace existing bodies but seeks to coordinate the efforts of its members and provide a strategic steer for the rehabilitation community

The Council – Why is it needed?

- Rehabilitation practitioners are not required to belong to any regulated profession
- There is no recognised training, professional standards or qualifications
- Fragmentation in the rehabilitation sector has resulted in duplication of effort
- Rehabilitation may be driven by the professional's needs rather than the client's needs
- There are gaps in provision and a total lack of coordination

The Council's central purpose and role:

- Overarching voice for rehabilitation and lead body
- Bring together and be run by its stakeholders
- Join up working and share agendas and priorities
- An authoritative source of information on rehabilitation
- An authoritative source of standards for the industry
- Propose and endorse best practice, education and training
- Encourage research, development and knowledge exchange
- Increase understanding of the benefits of rehabilitation

How are we doing?

So far,

- Established a governance structure
- First commission – Vocational Standards
- Set up a Website
- Five year Strategy & Business Plan drafted
- Membership structure under development
- Growing support and resources

How you can be involved

- Register on our website
- Pass on information about the UKRC
- Let us know if you can help with dissemination of information
- Advise us of areas of work to support “rehabilitation excellence”
- Keep us informed of developments of interest



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