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# British Psychoanalytic Council

## 6.2 Statement on homosexuality

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The British Psychoanalytic Council opposes discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

It does not accept that a homosexual orientation is evidence of disturbance of the mind or in development. In psychoanalytic psychotherapy, it is the quality of people's relationships which are explored, whether they are heterosexual or homosexual.

There must be no discrimination in the selection or progression of those who wish to train, who are training and who train others in psychoanalytically-informed practice.

Aptitude for psychoanalytic work, from the selection of candidates to the appointment of training and supervising analyst or therapist roles, is assessed across many areas and not on the basis of sexual orientation.

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