

Research – Call for Participants

An exploration of counsellors working with bereaved clients who have a sensory experience of the deceased (SED): A Qualitative Study

Aim

The aim of this research is to gain insight into the experience of counsellors working with bereaved clients who experience a sense of presence of the deceased person (SED), whether this is seeing or hearing them or feeling their presence in some other way.

It is hoped that this will contribute to psychoeducation and awareness around this subject, so trainees and therapists have access to more information about working with anomalous experiences in counselling, specifically SED, to enable them to respond more effectively to clients' needs and reduce stigmatisation.

This research is being conducted as part of my MSc in Counselling at the University of Northampton and has been approved by the ***Psychology Ethics Committee at the University of Northampton.***

Participants

I would like to hear from you if you have worked, as a counsellor or psychotherapist, with bereaved clients who experience a sense of presence of the deceased and:

- Are a trained counsellor who has been working with clients for over 5 years
- Are a member of a counselling regulatory body such as BACP, UKCP or similar
- Were working for over 6 sessions with bereaved clients that experienced a presence of the deceased person

Location

Your participation will involve taking part in a confidential, recorded, semi-structured interview with the researcher lasting approximately 60-90 minutes via the University of Northampton's online, secure Collaborate rooms.

If you are interested in participating in this research or would like further information, please contact Anna Creasey at anna.creasey20@my.northampton.ac.uk

Alternatively, if you have questions about the research please contact the research supervisor, Rachel Evenden, at Rachel.Evenden@northampton.ac.uk

Thank you.

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