

## STATEMENT OF GENETIC COUNSELLING PRACTICE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM BY THE GENETIC COUNSELLOR REGISTRATION BOARD

Genetic counselling is a service that provides information and advice about genetic conditions, conducted by healthcare professionals who have been specially trained in the science of human genetics and psychosocial counselling. In the UK, NHS (and private) employers are expected to require genetic counsellors to be registered with the Genetic Counsellor Registration Board (GCRB) as evidence of their academic and clinical competency. GCRB registrants are now a part of the Academy for Healthcare Science Register that has been accredited with the Professional Standards Authority (PSA).

The Genetic Counselling profession in the UK is working with the AHCS on Equivalence applications via AHCS, leading to statutory regulation as Clinical Scientists. In the meantime, healthcare providers and consumers are advised to seek GCRB Registered Genetic Counsellors (or GCRB-equivalent registration for those outside the UK) to ensure quality and safety standards for protection of patients and the public.

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