

Ability to initiate contact and undertake a systemic assessment

An ability to draw on knowledge of the objectives of a systemic assessment:	
	to understand the context in which the problem developed and the referral emerged
	to gather information on the initial presenting problem and wider system
	to understand the resources of the system
An ability, prior to meeting with the referred client, to gather further information from the system to determine:	
	whether and how to proceed
	who to involve
	when and where to meet
An ability to gather and clarify information from relevant members of the system, including information about the decision to seek help and any concerns/dilemmas about the nature of the intervention	
An ability to use the assessment process to engage with relevant members of the system including, where appropriate, the wider team, referring agencies and support services)	
An ability to explain the working methods associated with systemic therapy, to demonstrate systemic methods, and to elicit feedback as part of the process of negotiating the use of these techniques	
An ability to identify (in conjunction with the client(s) and the wider system	
	perceived problem areas and the beliefs concerning them
	the potential strengths of the client(s) (and the wider system) which may support therapeutic change
	the solutions that have been tried or have been thought about
	the achievements in the client(s) life