

Ability to use systemic hypotheses

An ability to develop systemic hypotheses:	
	that address a broad range of issues (e.g. reasons for referral, the meaning of symptoms or problems, factors involved in the development and maintenance of the problem and issues of difference and diversity)
	that help clients to understand the presenting symptoms in relation to the context in which they occur
An ability to make use of systemic hypotheses to promote ideas about change	
	an ability to share hypotheses with clients in ways that are meaningful to them
	when sharing hypotheses, an ability, to make explicit the assumptions being made by the therapist
	an ability to discuss hypotheses with professional colleagues in a manner which supports planning the work
An ability to make use of systemic hypotheses:	
	to generate systemic questions
	to guide further lines of enquiry
	to develop the therapist's understanding of the system
	to promote client(s) understanding and facilitate new perspectives
An ability to hold in mind concurrently more than one hypothesis	
An ability to revise systemic hypotheses following feedback from clients	
	an ability to work collaboratively with the clients to explore and evolve hypotheses