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### **List of Abbreviations**

AA Alcoholics Anonymous

ADHD Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

AFT Adolescent-Focused Therapy

AN Anorexia Nervosa

APA American Psychiatric Association

ASA Adoption Support Agency

ASCA American School Counsellor Association

ASD Autistic Spectrum Disorder

ASLI Association of Sign Language Interpreters

BACP British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy

BACP CYP British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy Children and

Young People

BAPT British Association of Play Therapists

BN Bulimia Nervosa

BPS The British Psychological Society

BSL British Sign Language

BTE Behind-the-ear

CAF Common Assessment Framework

CASE Child and Adolescent Self-harm in Europe
CAMHS Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

CBT Cognitive-Behavioural Therapy
CCS Catholic Children's Society

CORC CAMHS Outcome Research Consortium

CORE-OM Clinical Outcomes in Routine Evaluation – Outcome Measure

CORS Child Outcome Rating Scale
CPS Crown Prosecution Service
CSRS Child Session Rating Scale
CYP Children and Young People

CYP IAPT Children and Young People's Improving Access to Psychological Therapies

CYP PRN Children and Young People Practitioner Research Network

DCHP Deaf Children of Hearing Parents

DoH Department for Education
DoH Department of Health
DPM Dual Process Model

DSM-5 The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders

EBD Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties

EBP Evidence-Based Practice

EDNOS Eating Disorder Not Otherwise Specified

FBT Family-Based Treatment

GCSE General Certificate of Secondary Education

GP General Practitioner

HCPC Health and Care Professionals Council

HI Hearing Impaired

IAPT Improving Access to Psychological Therapies

IPT Interpersonal Therapy
IQ Intelligence Quotient
LA Local Authority

LMS Local Management of Schools

LSCB Local Safeguarding Children Board

MCE Manually Coded English
MHF Mental Health Foundation

MUPS Medically Unexplained Physical Symptoms

NAYPCAS National Association of Young Peoples Counselling and Advisory

Services

NDPT Non-directive Play Therapy NHS National Health Service

NICCY Northern Ireland Children's Commissioner for Children and Young

People

NICE National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence NSPCC National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

OCD Obsessive Compulsive Disorder

Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills

ORS Outcome Rating Scale

PACE Playfulness Acceptance Curiosity and Empathy

PBRN Practice-Based Research Network

PBE Practice-Based Evidence
PCA Person-Centred Approach
PHA Public Health Agency

PTSD Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

RBCSB Rochdale Borough Safeguarding Children Board

RCT Randomised Controlled Trial
SAN Sub-threshold Anorexia Nervosa

SATs Standard Assessment Tests

SBPCC School-Based Person-Centred Counselling

SBN Sub-threshold Bulimia Nervosa SCIE Social Care Institute for Excellence

SCoPReNet School-Based Counselling Practice Research Network (now CYP PRN)

SDQ Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire

SE Signed English

SEE Seeing Exact English

SENCO Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator
SIGN Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network
SPT Individual Supportive Psychotherapy

SSE Sign Supported English

TaMHS Targeted Mental Health in Schools

UKCP United Kingdom Council for Psychotherapy

UNCRC United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

UPR Unconditional Positive Regard

VA Voluntary Action

WAG Welsh Assembly Government WHO World Health Organisation

YCORS Young Child Outcome Rating Scale

YIACS Youth Information Advice Counselling and Support Services YP-CORE Young Person's Clinical Outcomes in Routine Evaluation

ZPD Zone of Proximal Development

### About the Editors and Contributors

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