

Bild Association of Certified Training Newsletter January 2022

Certification news

Happy new year, we hope 2022 is a successful one for all our Certificated training organisations and their upcoming Affiliate observations

Affiliate observations

We will be contacting training organisations in the coming months to provide us with dates for affiliate observations.

If you have already been contacted, please send us training dates for the selected affiliates as soon as possible.

Affiliate refunds.

We have agreed the following to ensure that certified organisations do not lose out financially and that Bild ACT covers its administration costs in refunding part of the annual affiliation fee.

Bild ACT will refund the affiliation and senior trainer fee for the remaining full quarters of the certification year and charge an administration fee of £50 per change. This will be deducted from the refund owed.

Example: If the Certified organisation requests the removal of one of its affiliates or senior trainers in the first quarter of the certification period, the Certified organisation will receive 75% of the original fee minus the £50 administration fee. This will be applied pro-rata until the beginning of the final quarter when no refund will be applied for the final quarter of that certification year. There will be no administration charge for the removal of an affiliate or senior trainer in the final quarter of the certification year.

Annual Reviews

If you are due for an annual review we will be in touch, it is great to see that most organisations are maintaining extremely high standards. However, some of the non-conformities that have been identified have been around the following: -

- 1. First Aid Certificates are out of date
- 2. Risk Assessments are out of date or need reviewing

Please note your certification could be suspended if these are identified during the annual review, so please ensure that you are up to date with these.

Change of scope

Please note if you are adding a new trainer to your organisation to keep us informed. You will be required to complete a change of scope form.

Please see the example <u>here</u>

Quarterly Report form update.

Due to feedback from organisations, we have updated the quarterly report form and will now only be used to notify changes within Affiliate organisations. This will be sent out in due course.

Bild ACT – Organisational Chart/Contacts



*BH Temporarily covering trustee vacancy

NHS requirement to have in place Certified Training in Mental Health, Learning Disability and Secure Services

We are aware that there has been publicity on social media that contests whether the requirement for certified training in NHS commissioned services is mandated by the NHS Standard Contract work

Bild ACT would like to assure all our Certified organisations, their affiliates and applicant organisation seeking certification that all restrictive training delivered in NHS commissioned Mental Health, Learning Disability and Secure services <u>must</u> be certified by a UKAS Accredited body as meeting the RRN standards. It is a contractual requirement as laid out in the NHS Standard Contract Technical guidance published in 2021.

The relevant clause is included below:

Clause 41.5 of this year's contract which states:

• It is for providers of mental health and learning disability services and providers of mental health secure services, to set out how the provider will now roll out certified training in restrictive practices to all relevant staff (this builds on the 2020/21 requirement for the provider to identify a training supplier (whether in-house or external) certified (by a UKAS accredited certification body) as complying with the Restraint Reduction Network Training Standards published at http://restraintreductionnetwork.org and in accordance with the Mental Health Units (Use of Force) Act 2018

Bild ACT is the only UKAS accredited Certification body licensed to assess and certify organisations as meeting the RRN standards at this time.

Non-Conformity Action Plans.

Please note that if a non-conformity action plan is required to be sent out, we will expect you to complete it in an agreed timescale set with the assessor. Failure to complete and return the non-conformity action plan within the agreed timeframe may result in suspension of the organisations certification status.

Restraint Reduction Network News

A reminder to all certified and applicant organisations that the RRN Standards 1.3 updated and published in July 2021 is now in force. Please see the link below;

https://bildact.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/RRN_standards_phase_8_accessible.pdf

Mental Health Units (Use of Force) Act

Restraint Reduction Network (RRN) welcomes launch of new Mental Health Units (Use of Force) Act 2018 statutory guidance

A new landmark piece of legislation – known as Seni's Law – regarding the use of force in mental health units was launched in December by Gillian Keegan MP; Minister of State for Care and Mental Health; Steve Reed MP and Aji Lewis, mother of Seni

Bild ACT will be looking to assess Certified Organisations compliance with Seni's Law in the coming year. We are liaising with the RRN regarding this assessment and will communicate to all our Certified and working towards organisations as soon as this is available.

RRN Webinar

We have attached the link to the webinar held on 5 January 2022. You can access the recording here; <u>https://vimeo.com/670172205/d552e3e23b</u>

Sarah Leitch has also included the link to the Balance for curriculum here.

Here is the detailed response to the Q&A questions facilitated during the webinar. Select the link.

Best wishes and a successful 2022.

The Bild Association of Certified Training Management Team