

From accredited register to statutory regulation: the Belgian case for clinical psychologists

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VLAAMSE VERENIGING

Klinisch Psychologen



In the beginning ...

- Psychology as a science: study of human behaviour
- Psychology and health: psychiatric wardens
- No legal regulation



Client - perspective

Identification?

- Psychologist – psychotherapist – Coach -

Quality?

- What's behind the title?

Access?

- Financially, referalls, stigma

Protection?

- Public safety



Professional - perspective

Recognition

- Training, field, expertise, ethical code

Influence

- Body of knowledge

Well - being

- Burden, loss of quality

Field

- Splintered, rivalry



Accredited register

- Visibility
- Standards
 - Training
 - Ethical code
- Limitations
 - Voluntary membership
 - Regulating and advocating?
 - Patient - perspective

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Vereniging voor klinische psychologen

De grootste vereniging voor licentiaten en masters in de klinische psychologie in België. De vereniging behartigt de belangen van haar leden en zorgt ervoor dat klinisch psychologen nieuwe inzichten en ervaringen kunnen uitwisselen.



LID WORDEN

Towards legal regulation

1993 - Protection
title of psychologist

2014 - Ethical code by
law

2016 - Clinical
psychologist as a
health profession



Patient - perspective

Identification?

- Licensed clinical psychologist

Quality?

- Masters degree + supervised practice

Access?

- Reimbursement, primary care, integrated care

Protection?

- Patient rights



Professional - perspective

Recognition?

- Autonomy

Influence

- Growing interest

Well - being

- Increased burden

Field

- More organised, regulatory vs professional body



A young girl with brown hair in pigtails and bangs, wearing a pink shirt, sits on an orange chair holding a brown teddy bear. She looks towards the right. In the background, a person in a light-colored shirt is writing on a blue clipboard. The setting is a playroom with a wooden table, a blue chair, and a shelf with toys.

Thank you

Any questions?