

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON COLLABORATION
BETWEEN
THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS
AND**

**THE MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND THE
MINISTRY OF HEALTH IN KURDISTAN, IRAQ**

Whereas the Royal College of Psychiatrists (hereinafter referred to as "the College") is a registered charity in the United Kingdom, with the following objectives:

- to advance the science and practice of psychiatry and related subjects;
- to further public education therein; and
- to promote study and research work in psychiatry and all sciences and disciplines connected with the understanding and treatment of mental disorders in all its forms and aspects and related subjects and publish the results of all such study and research.

Whereas the Ministries of Health and of Higher Education and Scientific Research are the principal departments of the Kurdistan Regional Government (hereinafter referred to as "KRG") responsible for health care, medical education, training, examining and awarding qualifications to medical practitioners in Kurdistan, Iraq.

Whereas the College and KRG wish to cooperate in their respective fields of mutual interest;

Now therefore, the parties hereto agree to sign a general framework agreement on collaboration, subject to specific annexes, which will permit the exchange of research, experience and educational expertise, pursuant to the following fundamental objectives:

1. To extend the Royal College Volunteer Programme to Iraqi Kurdistan;
2. To exchange expertise in the area of public education;
3. To encourage mutual research.

In order to achieve these objectives, it is agreed as follows:

- the relevant sectors will work together in a co-ordinated manner;
 - to take forward these areas of collaboration for the benefit of mental health services and the advancement of the professional associations in Iraqi Kurdistan and the UK;
- these areas of collaboration and assistance will be extended to the rest of Iraq when circumstances permit.

Financial Obligations

Any financial obligations that may arise from the above objectives will be agreed by a separate agreement and approved by all the parties to this Agreement.

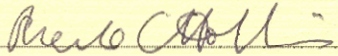
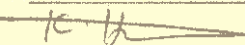
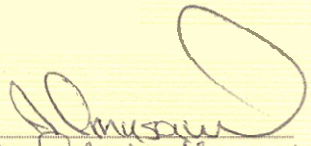
Term

This Agreement remains valid for a term of 5 years, unless terminated by either party at any time before the end of the term, subject to three months' prior written notice and the settlement of any outstanding obligations.

Dispute Settlement

Any dispute relating to the interpretation or application of the Agreement shall, unless amicably settled, be subject to conciliation. In the event of failure of the latter, the dispute shall be settled by arbitration. The arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the modalities to be agreed upon by the Parties, or in the absence of agreement with the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules currently in force at the signing of this Agreement. The Parties shall accept the arbitral award as final.

In witness thereof, both parties sign the following agreement.

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Date signed: 6 December 2007 **Place:** London, United Kingdom