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**‘Draft of the Main Responsibilities for the Facilitators at the  
Pathways House Project’  
(As issued from Minster Abbey September 2007)**

The document as issued lists at appendix 4) ad 6)c) some 19 so called ‘Responsibilities’. The document is apparently aimed at the Minster Village Website.

Readers of this missive might well be forgiven for perceiving it as little more than a waffle worded wish-list for it contains nothing of concrete persuasion.

The list is thickly larded with obscure but superficially beguiling terms such as:

*‘... groupwork interventions...’<sup>1</sup>*

*‘...treatments based on evidence based practice’.*

*‘...Enhanced Disclosure check....’*

*‘To attend and participate in training<sup>2</sup> sessions as required.’<sup>3</sup>*

*‘Team Manager/Senior Practitioner...’*

*‘...self and delegated management responsibility..’*

*‘..multidisciplinary/agency case conferences...’ etc.*

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<sup>1</sup> What does this mean?

<sup>2</sup> How is ‘training’ to be defined?

<sup>3</sup> Required by who or by what authority?

The reader might well be forgiven for regarding this as so much harmless if weasel worded nonsense, were it not for the inclusion, no doubt of signal and worrying concern to some minds, the following unambiguous statement:

*‘To undertake any other duties consistent with the role of a member of staff in Pathways House.’*

The Minster Resident may well ask *‘Who are these people who blatantly seek to write themselves such a procedural blank-cheque and who self-appointed, continue to impose themselves uninvited on my patience and time?’*

Conspicuous by its very absence is any reference to approbation, support and available supervision from the Local Health Trust<sup>4</sup> or from the local Family Practitioner Service.

Although there is a passing reference to ‘evidence based’ practice there is no acknowledgement that this **would require peer group academic approval with input and supervision** such as might come say through the Faculty of Psychology at the University of Kent, the NHS Trust or an established authority such as Ticehurst House Hospital or the Priory Clinic etc. **The proposals are silent with respect to this important issue.** Whether this silence is reflective of there being in fact no such support or for other reasons such as omission or even covert suppression, is a matter of speculation.

Comment: Those who choose to expose themselves via a website domain might do well to remember that there is a ‘big world’ out there by which rightly or wrongly, they will find themselves being judged!

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<sup>4</sup> The material proposals as appear currently promoted through the auspices of Minster Abbey, continue to discount that the Local NHS Trust already provides quite adequate, properly staffed and professionally supervised Drugs & Alcohol abuse Rehabilitation facilities in the Thanet area .