

Addendum to Level II Course Guidelines FAO: All providers

The ESC endeavour to maintain high standards hand therapy education and as such there is ongoing development of guidelines for course providers. Subsequent to the recently published guidelines (Version 7, June 2024) we would like to add an addendum which will be formally included in the next revision (2025). We would ask however in the meantime that course providers consider point 1 and BAHT reps point 2.

1. Historical Courses - Evidence based Updates

Evidence based practice is core to every speciality within healthcare, the field of hand therapy has seen important developments over the last 5 years. All BAHT validated courses should be evidence-based, presenting the latest concepts to delegates to inform their clinical practice. For courses which have either run in the past and are ongoing (i.e. run yearly), course providers should provide evidence of updates and inclusion of the latest research to inform teaching. These updates are required at a minimum every 5 years, evidence needs to be provided to the ESC before re-validation. Please complete the attached table providing a list of sessions/topics and how these have been updated in line with current evidence. There are some factual based areas of teaching which may not change e.g. anatomy and physiology, however, there are other areas where there has been considerable development over the last few years e.g. tendon rehabilitation regimes.

2. BAHT Rep Feedback

Attendance of a BAHT rep on all level II courses is mandatory, for new courses and existing courses. Feedback reports are completed post course and provided to the ESC. "BAHT rep feedback reports should be completed within 2 weeks of the course and returned via email to bahthandtherapy@gmail.com, copying in bahthandtherapy@gmail.com, (pg.50, 58 v.7 level II guidelines).

It is the responsibility of the BAHT rep attending the course to also forward the report to the course provider. For repeat courses, the previous feedback report will be forwarded by the level 2 co-ordinator to the appointed BAHT rep.