

## BAPAM Vocal Rehabilitation Coach Competencies

Applicants who wish to be considered for public listing on the BAPAM practitioner directory as BAPAM Approved Vocal Rehabilitation Coaches must meet the competency criteria below. Applicants will be included on the directory for a term of three years before needing to revalidate their application.

Name of Applicant		
Competency	Met/Not Met	Advice to applicant to meet competency
1. Hold or have previously held a contract with an NHS specialist voice clinic including a job description. Verified by contract document. Where an informal but significant relationship with a voice clinic exists or has existed in the absence of a contract, a letter from the voice clinic may be accepted.		
2. Have spent at least 6 years practicing as a singing teacher/vocal coach within an educational institution or in private practice. Verified by contract document or evidence of proven track record.		
3. Work under clinical supervision from both voice specialist laryngologist and speech therapist (as appropriate) as part of a clinic team with all clients. A psychosocial supervisor is desirable. If the applicant is working in private practice, letters from clinical supervisors confirming monthly sessions are required		This will be met by working in the voice clinic. If the practitioner wishes to work in private practice, we will need to see letters from clinical supervisors (one ENT and one SLT experienced in working with professional voice users) Fortnightly/Monthly sessions. Psychotherapist supervisor is desirable
4. Undertake at least 20 hours of voice clinic observation per year. Verified by letter from voice clinic.		20 is essential, 30 is desirable
5. Have completed relevant anatomy/physiology training formally or in-house. Verified by attendance certificate or letter from voice clinic.		Unbranded approaches are preferred e.g. Voice Workshop course
6. Have completed endoscopic interpretation of singing physiology training. Verified by attendance certificate or letter from voice clinic.		If attained through a training course, this should be within the last 3 years. Tori Burnay and Dane Chalfin run a course annually

7. Have basic counselling awareness training, formal or in-house. Verified by attendance certificate or letter from voice clinic.		This can be achieved by attending for e.g. a Mental Health First Aid course. The purpose is to recognise where a mental health issue exists and what to do at that point/where to refer. NOT to undertake counselling
8. Have training to carry out palpation assessment, formal or in-house. Verified by attendance certificate or letter from voice clinic.		This is to assess tension and for onward referral, NOT to perform manipulations. Jacob Lieberman course, Ed Blake course, for example
9. Adhere to data protection standards when keeping client records.		On signature of BAPAM code of practice
10. Have current appropriate liability and indemnity insurance policies. Verified by documents.		
11. Provide at least two references, one from a specialist voice clinic, one from a reputable professional performance-related company (ex: university or production company).		
12. Adhere to all BAPAM professional practice standards at all times.		On signature of BAPAM code of practice
13. Current DBS certificate		