

ANAMCARA PRACTITIONER'S WAIVER

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The anamcara pays attention to every possible influence on body, mind and soul before prescribing an antidote. An illness is like a broken strand in the web of life. Both the one who offers and receives celestial medication also become medicine to each other in mending the web.

Celtic Book of Lisimore, 9th century

CONFIDENTIALITY IN THE APPRENTICESHIP



A common notion regarding the meaning of confidentiality is that it means “don’t tell anyone.” The motivation behind this is in regards to caring for people, specifically caring for and protecting the privacy of others. Yet confidentiality, as used in the realm of most caring professions, is not so simple as “just don’t tell.” When someone threatens harm to themselves or others, the idea of confidentiality as ‘don’t tell anyone’ no longer works, and is no longer real caring. Telling the right “other people” who can intervene for and protect a client or others is standard practice of care and is not considered a breach of confidentiality.

In many settings where the services offered to a person are delivered through a team effort (nurse, social worker, doctor, chaplain, etc.) confidential information, is shared in order that the team be informed and empowered to provide the best care possible. Once again, in these settings confidentiality as “don’t tell anyone” no longer works and is no longer caring. What guides the caring professions in such a team environment is a principle called “the need to know.” Confidential information is only shared with another team member when that other person *needs to know* it in order to provide the best care and service to the client/patient/person.

In the Anamcara project, the confidentiality of all apprentices is to be protected as an act of respect and care. Animators and apprentices are to hold sacred and confidential the information shared in Ceili De group meetings. At times, however, and *only for the purpose of providing the best of all service and training to the Ceili De members*, the animator of a group may share information with the Leadership Team members regarding an apprentice. Likewise a mentor for a program track has the right to communicate with the Leadership Team if a concern arises that impacts personal welfare. The principle of “need to know” will guide what is shared in such a consultation, if and when such a consultation is necessary. Remember, the nature of an apprenticeship is that everyone is a learner.

*The friendship between anamcara is never for them alone...
If it is of God, it will benefit the entire world.*

Gaelic Proverb