

Towards Better Sleep

Information for Clients

Towards Better Sleep (TBS) is a cognitive behavioural treatment programme that has been effectively treating insomnia for over 10 years. The programme uses evidence based techniques meaning they have been scientifically proven to be effective in treating insomnia. The programme focuses on education, behavioural techniques, correcting faulty thinking and relaxation strategies.

What Happens in the Programme?

The therapists take the participants through 4 × 1 hour sessions about insomnia and its management.

Who Attends?

The only attendees at the sessions are the group participants and the therapists. There are a maximum number of 9 participants in each group. New participants cannot join a group that has already commenced.

Why is it a Group?

A group setting offers participants the opportunity to share their stories, and learn from the experiences and ideas of other insomnia sufferers, in a private and confidential environment. It also allows the therapists to treat more people in a cost-effective way.

How Long Does the Programme Run?

The Towards Better Sleep programme is configured as 4 early evening sessions occurring over a 6 week period.

Where and When is the Programme Held?

The venue is the Psychology Consultants southside office, located at 18 Thynne Road, Morningside. The building is located just off Wynnum Road, above the Spar Convenience Store and Thynne Road Deli. There is parking available behind the building and in Ison Street. The programme dates are finalised once group numbers are known. Each session commences at 6.00pm on a Thursday evening.

Do I Need to Bring any Materials?

No. You will be given a folder/workbook and printed material for each session which we ask you to bring to subsequent sessions.

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What Happens to Information Held About Me?

All personal and clinical information held is subject to the usual provisions governing any doctor-patient or therapist-patient relationship. Before releasing this information to anyone we must first obtain your permission, however, we would usually write back to your referring doctor at the programmes completion. Finally, we hope to submit data from the programme to the scientific literature for dissemination and feedback at a later date. To do this we will seek your permission to use *de-identified data*, which is information that does not identify who you are and pertains to the group as a whole eg. Gender and age, test scores before and after treatment.

What is the Cost?

Each session costs \$95.00 to attend, however we request full programme payment of \$380.00 prior to the programmes' commencement. These group sessions are a medical service, provided by a medical practitioner and are therefore subject to a Medicare rebate of \$41.95 per session (as of 1 November 2012). For what is provided in the programme the out-of-pocket cost of \$53.05 is cheaper than equivalent individual treatment.

We will provide participants with a receipt on completion of each session to enable you to claim your rebate directly from Medicare.

What if I miss a Session?

In the event that you miss a group session due to unforeseeable circumstances you will be able to cover the material in a single individual treatment session with Kathryn Smith. You will need to contact Kathryn's rooms on 3356 8255 to arrange this. Whilst we are not able to provide any refunds for missed sessions there is a guarantee that the individual session which is a "make-up" for a missed session of the programme will not attract an out-of-pocket fee.

What if I Don't Feel any Better?

Like all treatments or management approaches in medical or psychological practice there are occasions where a treatment provided won't be helpful. The Towards Better Sleep programme is no different in this regard. If you find the programme is of no benefit to you then you must speak to your referring doctor about this and about what further treatment options are available.

How do I enrol?

To register your interest, or to enrol, please call Psychology Consultants on (07) 3356 8255 or email tbs@psychologyconsultants.com.au



Group Facilitators



Dr Curt Gray completed his medical degree in 1985 and began specialist training in psychiatry in 1988. He is a fellow of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists and has been a registered psychiatrist with the Medical Board of Queensland since 1993. From that time he ran a successful Brisbane private practice in general adult psychiatry and attended the Princess

Alexandra Hospital as a Visiting Medical Officer. From early 2007 to late 2010 he held the position of Clinical Director, and Senior Specialist, at the Gold Coast Hospital Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry Service. Dr Gray is now a Senior Specialist at The Prince Charles Hospital and also consults with Psychology Consultants. He has a major clinical interest, and considerable experience, in the area of Sleep Disorders Medicine, especially the assessment and management of insomnia disorders. He is a recent member of the RANZCP Federal Committee for Examinations and is a member of the Australasian Sleep Association, where he is involved in the Special Interest Group on Insomnia.

Kathryn Smith graduated from the University of Tasmania in 1994 having obtained a Bachelor of Arts, a Graduate Diploma of Psychology and Education, and a Masters of Clinical Psychology. She has worked in outpatient, community and inpatient settings within the public sector in Tasmania and Brisbane. Her areas of interest include cognitive behavioural therapy, testing, and the treatment of anxiety disorders. She moved to Queensland in 1999 and worked for both Royal Brisbane and Princess Alexandra Hospitals in senior positions. She is now in full time private practice and co-director of the firm Psychology Consultants Pty Ltd. She is a fully registered psychologist, a full member of the Australian Psychological Society and a full member of the College of Clinical Psychologists.

psychology consultants

Established in 1995, Psychology Consultants is a group of clinical psychologists providing high quality psychology services to people and business.

Situated in Morningside and Newmarket – both offices close to the city and public transport – the practices boast a strong referral base of general practitioners, medical specialists, government and non-government agencies, schools and industry.

The practice offers the following services:

- Individual clinical psychology
- Group psychology programs
- Group training
- Corporate psychology
- Employee assistance programs

The Psychology Consultants team is made up of male and female clinical psychologists. They are all registered with the Psychologists' Board of Queensland, registered Medicare providers, and members of the Australian Psychological Society. They have undertaken at least six years of specialist university training in clinical psychology and have a number of years experience in a variety of fields and specialisations. Please visit our website for more information www.psychologyconsultants.com.au.

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