

# Clinical Psychology Exposed: the gap between our words and our deeds

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**SUMMARY:** This paper discusses the shape-changing nature of the profession of clinical psychology's identity in the United Kingdom (UK) and the gap between clinical psychologists' words and deeds.

**KEY WORDS:** scientist practitioner, Power Threat Meaning framework, collusion, status quo

This article started out as an essay submitted as part of the first author's (CL) Doctorate in Clinical Psychology. It has evolved over a three year period since then, during which CL has transitioned from Trainee Clinical Psychologist to now being qualified as a clinical psychologist, for approximately two years. During this same period, the second author (LG) has settled into her role as Programme Director of CL's doctorate programme in Liverpool, UK. Beyond this, the contents of this article reflect our conversations as tutee/personal tutor during CL's training where we often asked 'who is the clinical psychologist?' In parallel to our paths

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