

GENETIC COUNSELLING IN THE FUTURE - WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES AND WHAT ARE THE EXISTING OPPORTUNITIES

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CHALLENGES

- Recognition of the profession as standalone
- Registration, regulation
- Misunderstanding of 'counselling' and what GCs do
- Different health systems, non-profit v for-profit
- Starting point, pediatrics, pre-natal, cancer, community screening

EXISTING OPPORTUNITIES

- Clinical (GMSA)
- Research (leadership)
- Policy (e.g Genomics England)
- Education (MSc course directors)
- Training/strategy (HEE)
- Industry (Color, Congenica)
- Private Practice (e.g. S.Africa)
- National health strategy (e.g Australia)

VERY EXCITING TIME TO BE A GENETIC
COUNSELLOR, WE HAVE MANY
TRANSFERABLE SKILLS