

The Defining Characteristics of the Therapeutic Community Concept.

A group of people who live together in a range of purposeful tasks – therapeutic, domestic, organisational, educational

may have...

Intimate, informal, non-hierarchical relationships

and...

Regular and frequent sharing of information between all members of the group

It is not yet a therapeutic community, but will begin to be if there is...

A shared commitment to the goal of learning from the experience of living and/or working together.
A Living/Learning Situation.

It will be further developed by...

A shared commitment to the open examination and resolution of problems, tensions and conflicts within the group.

A Culture of Enquiry.

And theoretically informed by...

Bring a psychodynamic awareness of individual and group process to bear on this examination

All of which requires...

A clear set of boundaries concerning time, place and roles within which the above can take place.