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# Supervision as a Reflective Space

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# Welcome and Introduction



# Intentions



What is supervision and its purpose?

Considerations for creating safe reflective spaces?

Creating a place to start...

# **Activity: What is Supervision and its purpose?**

# What is humanistic Supervision and its purpose?



Ethos rather than a theory, model or process.

Consistent and meaningful

Trusting

Empowering

Research based

Role models relational approach to interactions.

Safety

Compassionate

Inclusive

Checking in not checking up

Integrative

*"We don't have to be perfect, just engaged and committed to aligning values with actions" Brene Brown*

# What are the potential barriers for effective humanistic supervision?



## Potential Personal Barriers

Values and Beliefs, including unconscious bias.  
Interpersonal communication.  
Personal capacity

## Potential Structural Barriers

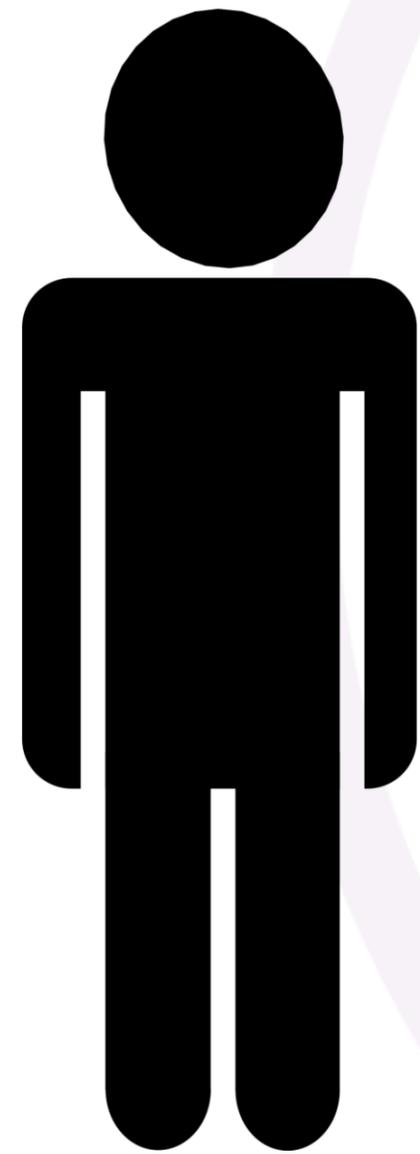
Timescales and deadlines.  
Auditing process.  
GDPR and confidentiality.



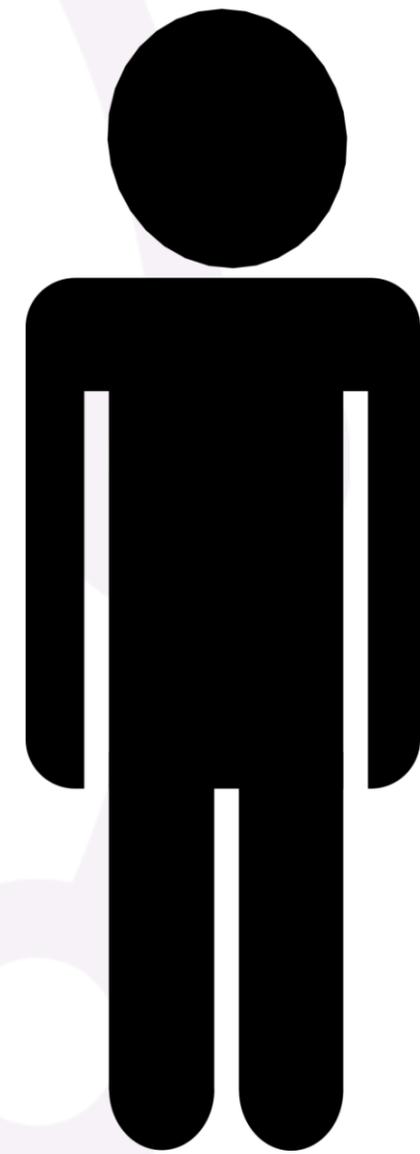
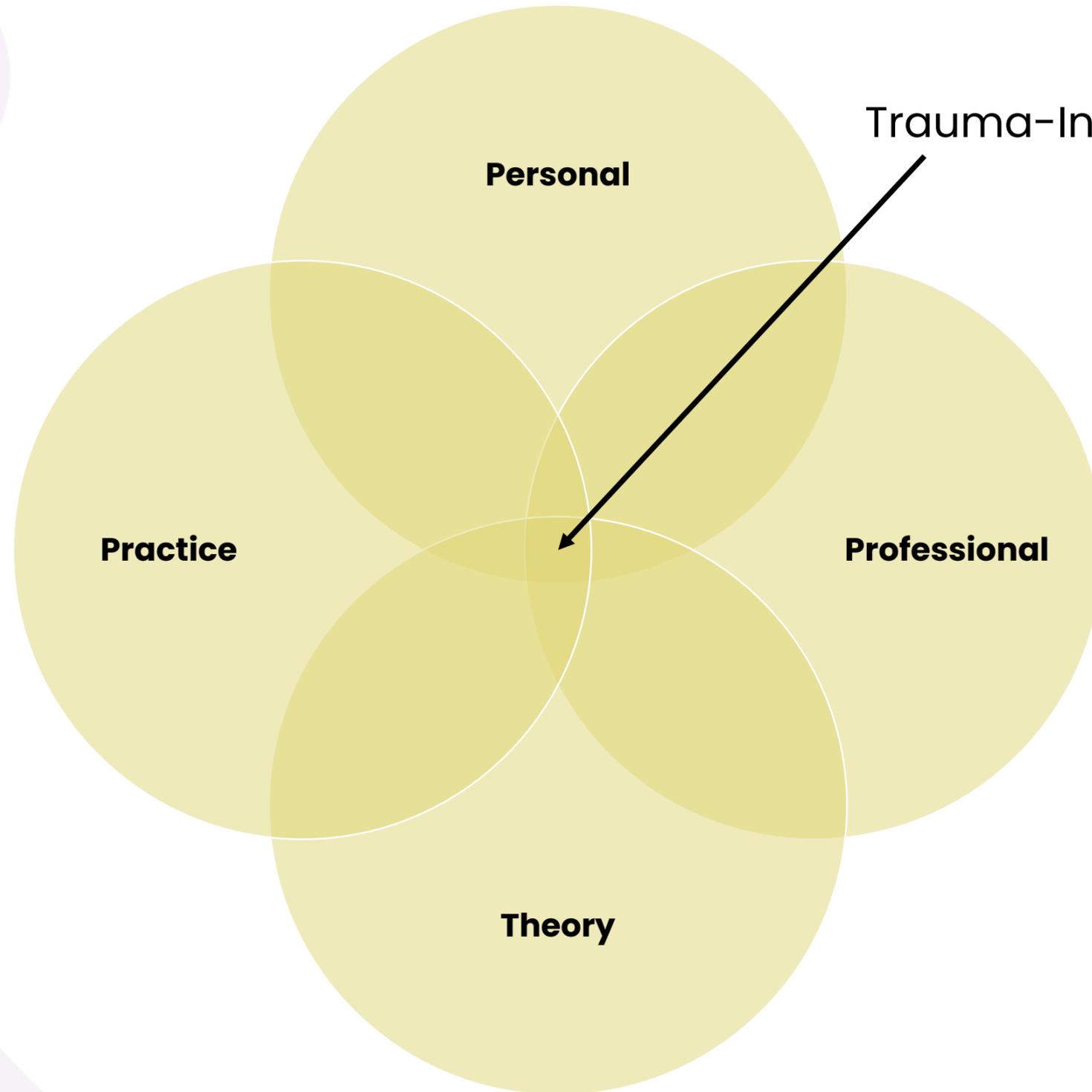
## Potential Interconnected Barriers

Compartmentalised process.  
Physical space  
Power dynamics  
Toxic Stress (Vicarious Trauma/Organisational Trauma)  
Guilt or fear

# Effective Supervision



Supervisor



Supervisee

# Supervision Contract/Working Agreement

A collaborative contract, which is mutually agreed and regularly revisited which includes:-

- Supervision frequency.
- Length and timing of supervision.
- Location and space.
- Expectations before and after of both parties.
- Set's our clear purpose and intent of supervision.
- Explains the professional standards and boundaries.
- Considers personal needs of both parties.
- Shared understanding of confidentiality and its limitations
- How potential challenge or conflict will be managed



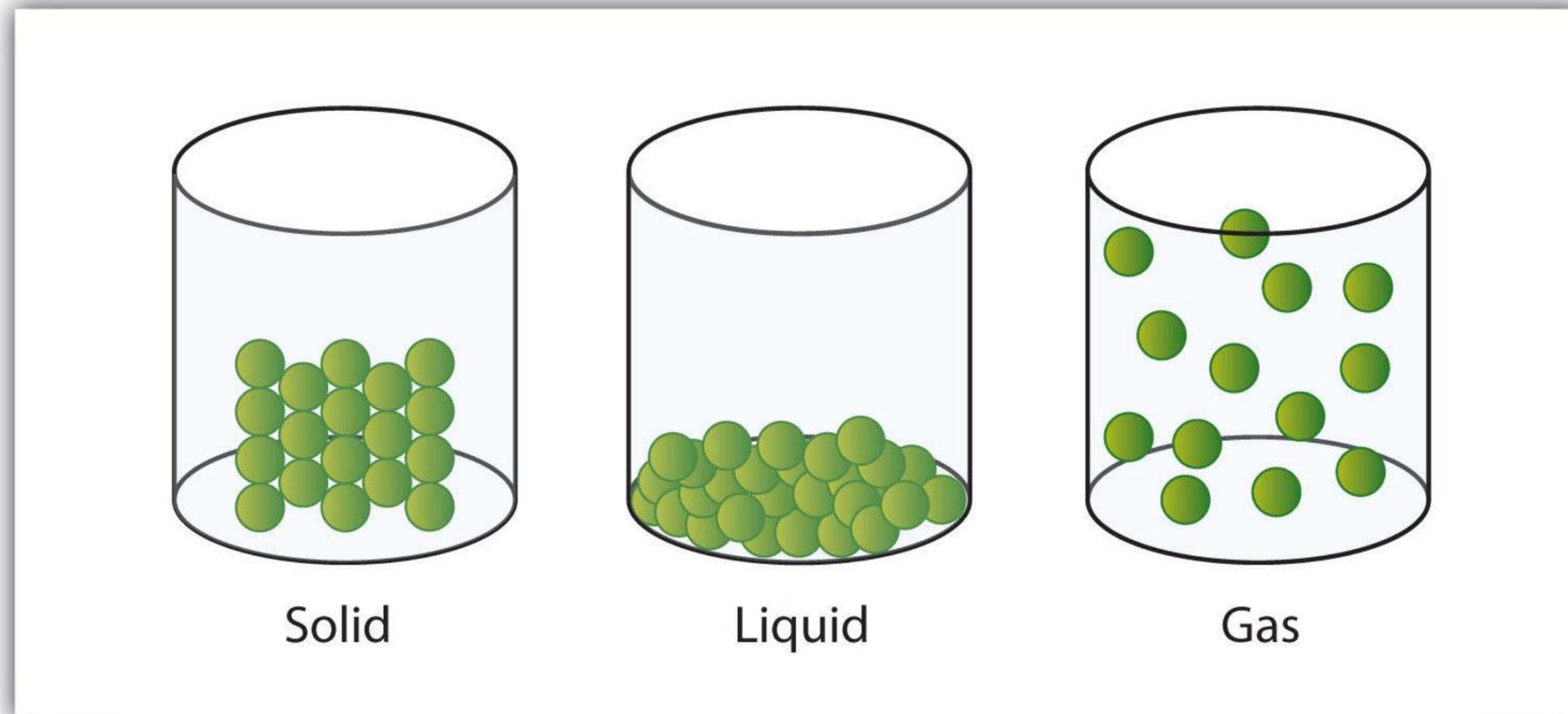
# Interpersonal Communication



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ovrVv\\_RICMw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ovrVv_RICMw)

# Compartmentalised Processes

- Too many reflective spaces can be confusing and hard to boundary.
- Not enough can conflate the personal and the professional (vicarious trauma).
- Not cost or time efficient.
- Creates a void in which our experiences can fester and remain unresolved.



# Making a Pledge...



What will you take back into your organisation from today that will move you towards a more humanistic supervision culture?

The image shows a 'Supervision Pledge' form on a light-colored, textured paper background. At the top, the words 'Supervision Pledge' are written in a large, elegant, black cursive script. Below this, the text 'FROM TODAY I PLEDGE TO' is printed in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. Underneath, there are three horizontal dotted lines for writing the pledge. At the bottom left, there are two fields: 'NAME.....' and 'EMAIL.....', each followed by a dotted line. At the bottom right, there is a logo for the 'Trauma Informed Partnership' which features a stylized purple and yellow leaf-like graphic. To the right of the logo, the text reads 'Trauma Informed Partnership' in bold purple, with 'Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland' in a smaller purple font below it.

To help us understand the challenges and blockages we would like to follow up with you in 6 months.