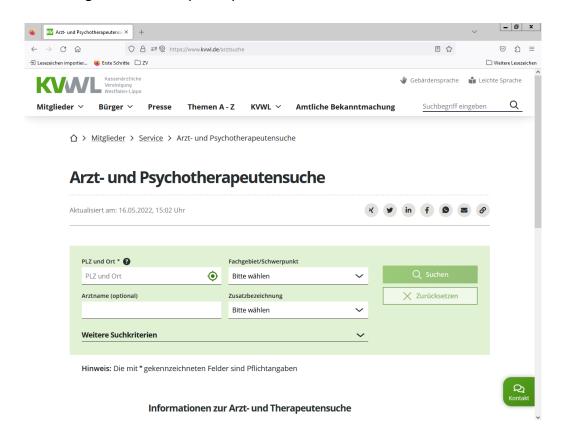
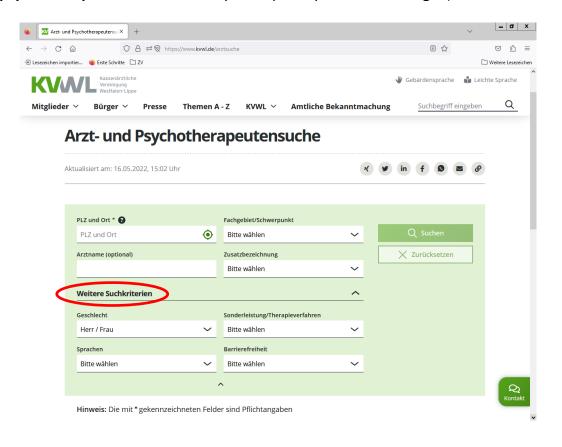
How to find a psychotherapist in Siegen and surrounding area:

- Go to: https://www.kvwl.de/arztsuche
- The following search mask opens up:

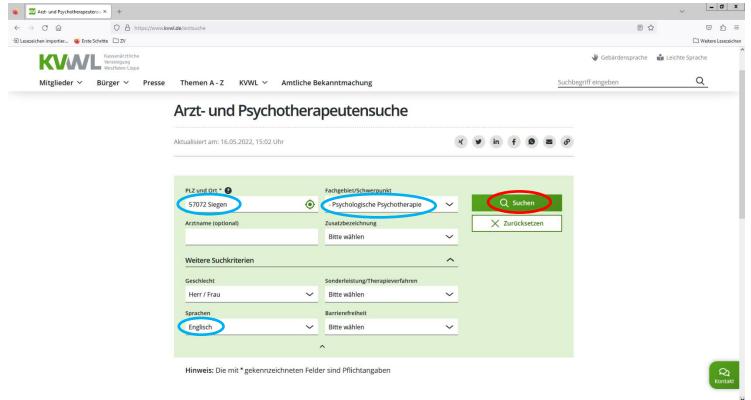


- Type into the search mask all necessary information:
 - PLZ und Ort = postcode and city
 - Artzname (optional) = name of the doctor/ psychotherapist (only relevant when you got a recommendation for a specific psychotherapist and are looking for the contact data)
 - Fachgebiet/ Schwerpunkt = field of expertise/ focus → open the drop down menu and choose what you are looking for
 - "Psychiatrie": it' about medication, you'll interact with a doctor that has studied medicine and did some further education on psychotherapy
 - "Psychiatrie und Psychotherapie": mixture of medication and classic psychotherapy, you'll interact with a doctor that studied medicine and did some further education on psychotherapy
 - "Psychotherapeutische Medizin": top category, different types of psychotherapy belong to it
 - "Psychotherapie": top category of all the following subcategories

- "ärztlicher Psychotherapeut": you'll interact with a doctor that has studied medicine and did some further education on psychotherapy (might be useful when you already take some medications on a regular basis, regardless of the malfunction (body/psyche) that you got or when you struggle a lot with a disease of your body that led to feelings of depression/anxiety/stress/etc.)
- "Kinder- und Jugendlichen-Psychotherapie": classic psychotherapy for children and adolescents
- "Psychologische Psychotherapie": classic psychotherapy with a psychotherapist who has studied psychology and did a further education to become a psychotherapist (→ thats mainly the one you need to choose)
- "Psychosomatische Medizin und Psychotherapie": mixture of medication and classic psychotherapy, the doctor/therapist is specialized in psychosomatic disorders
- "Psychotherapeutische Medizin": see above
- Zusatzbezeichnung = additional designation → can be skipped
- You need to click on "weitere Suchkriterien" (= further searching criterias) when you
 would like to specialize your search furthermore (e.g. finding an english speaking
 psychotherapist or even somebody how speaks your mother tongue):

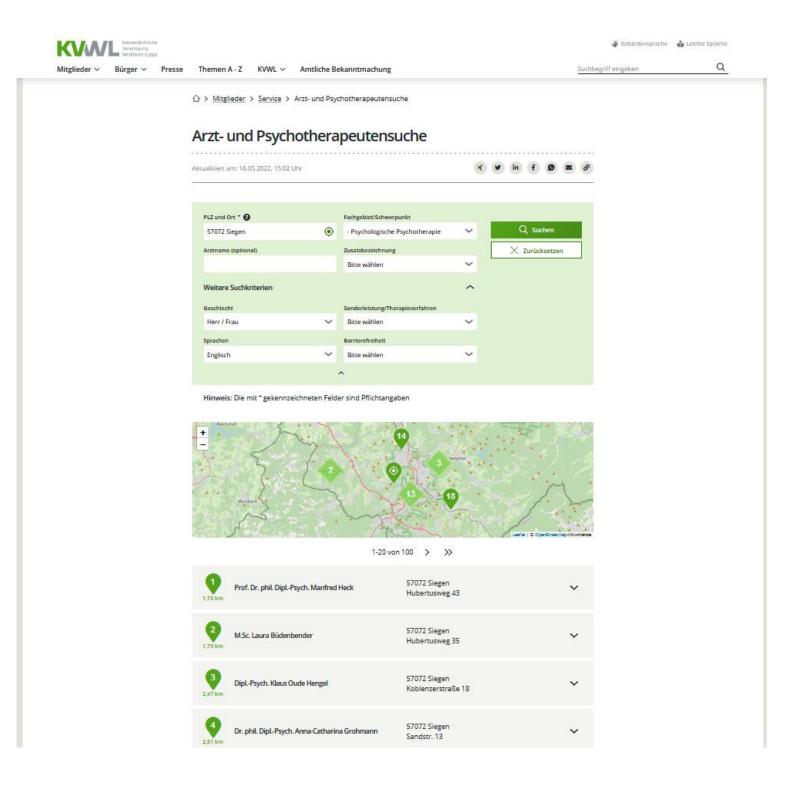


- Type into the search mask all information that you want to add to your search:
 - o Geschlecht = gender of the therapist you're searching for
 - Sprachen = languages
 - Sonderleistung/ Therapieverfahren = specialization of the therapy type → can be skipped
 - Barrierefreiheit* = barrier-free accessibility (for further information go to the end of the document)
- Example of a possible search:

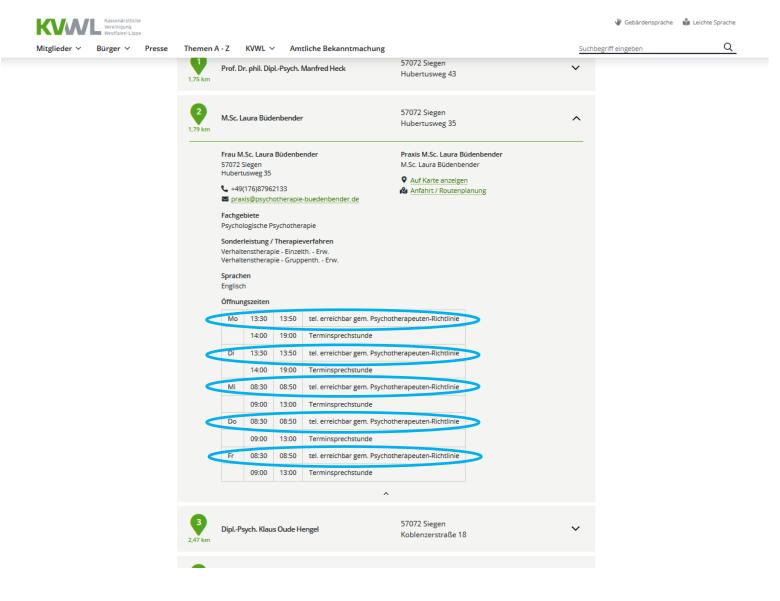


Click on "Suchen" (=search)

• The results pop up when you scroll down (which can look similiar to this):



Choose one and click on it:



- You can now extract all necessary information: adress, contact data, type of psychotherapy (Verhaltenstherapie – behavioral therapy) and language.
- If that person seems like a possible fit for you, you need to call them in the set times "tel. erreichbar gem. Psychotherapeuten-Richtlinie" (yes, the time slots are always quite short; set yourself a timer so you won't forget to call).
- Suggestion: Take a look at 10-20 psychotherapists in your area that might be a
 possible fit all at once. Extract the phone times, write them down and call them.
- O If you feel unable to make a phone call you can also contact them via mail. But you won't get a response to every mail you're sending. Contacting via phone increases your chances to get a response, so you will at least know quite soon if they will have a left over slot or not (or in many months).
- Searching for a psychotherapist can be VERY frustrating, there's also a possibility that
 even the 20th won't have a free slot for you. Often you need to wait many months until

you get a free slot. We know that this is really bad, because people often seek out for professional help when they are in an actual crisis.

- other/ additional possibilities (until you're having your first meet with a psychotherapist) can be:
 - private psychotherapy (you need to pay it yourself and it is quite expensive, approx. 100€/hour)
 - counseling (there are free offers in every city but the waiting time can also be quite long)
 - https://www.reselve.de/beratungsstelle/siegen/
 - psychological counseling of the University of Siegen (when you are a member of the university, e.g. student)
 - https://www.unisiegen.de/zsb/psychologische/beratung.html.en?lang=en
 - Nummer gegen Kummer (= telephone helpline; free): phone number 116
 111

Looking for a doctor? See our other tutorial "How to find a doctor in Siegen and surrounding area" (click on our website on "German health system").

*Extra: Barrierefreiheit = barrier-free accessibility

- Aufzug barrierefrei = elevator barrier-free
- Behindertenparkplatz = disabled parking
- Induktive Höranlage = inductive hearing system
- Orientierungshilfe für Sehbehinderte = orientation aid for the visually impaired
- Sanitäranalgen behindertengerecht = sanitary facilities handicapped accessible
- Stufenloser Zugang = no stairs
- Terminvereinbarung per Fax, Email = appointments by fax, email
- Treppen behindertengeeignet = stairs handicapped accessible
- Umkleidekabine groß = large changing room
- Untersuchungsmöbel höhenverstellbar = height-adjustable examination furniture