

Tuesday 21st September 2010 - 9.30am - 4.30pm

PC1

The Assessment of Risk and Manageability of Intellectually Disabled Individuals who Offend – Sexually (The ARMIDILO-S)

Douglas Boer, The University of Waikato, Hamilton, (New Zealand)

The Assessment of Risk and Manageability of Intellectually Disabled Individuals who Offend - Sexually (The ARMIDILO-S) is an instrument designed for the assessment and management of ID sex offenders and for those ID clients who show "challenging" sexually violent behaviour. The instrument is comprised of only dynamic factors that are risk relevant - some of which are about the client and others about the environment in which he lives (including support person variables). These items are further divided into stable and acute variables. The ARMIDILO-S has gone through an extensive revision process and has been validated in several studies with varying sample sizes. These data will be presented along with how to use the instrument with an ID client. The ARMIDILO-S is for use by all trained staff and is not a protected psychological test.

PC2

Assessing and Treating Female Sexual Offenders: Yes, Gender Does Matter

Hilary Eldridge & Sherry Ashfield, Lucy Faithfull Foundation (UK)

Traditional approaches to female sexual offenders have often been divided between two distinct approaches: a gender biased approach focusing almost exclusively on aspects of individual female victimisation and a gender blind approach which views gender as irrelevant.

This workshop will explore the significance of gender in relation to female sexual offenders and the relevance of a gender responsive approach which reflects the 'realities, strengths and challenges of the lives of girls and women'.

It will demonstrate how a gender responsive approach can be utilised to assist with therapeutic processes of engagement and the degree to which these can enhance the assessment and treatment process. Attention will be given to identifying how gender responsiveness can inform assessment and treatment models - working through a proposed coding framework based on research and clinical practice. It will also review research relating to risk and reconviction rates.

This workshop is suitable for all levels but will hold more relevance for those with some practical experience of female sexual offenders as it will draw on case material as well as encouraging participants to reflect on their individual practice and experiences with this client group.

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PC3

The Assessment and Management of Non Abusing Partners – Issues in Family Resolution

Shelagh Scott, Sexual Behaviour Unit & David Briggs, David Briggs Associates Ltd. (UK)

This seminar aims to address practice issues encountered in work with the non abusing partners of sexual abusers. Key issues to be covered here include:-

- i. The notion of capacity to protect and how to assess. To include details of a groupwork programme providing an extended assessment of parental capacity to protect.
- ii. Family resolution-versus-family re-integration issues
- iii. Framework and targets for family reunification.
- iv. Interventions with non abusing partners – experiences of this work and its links with abuser treatment.
- v. Self care issues for workers.

Participants will be offered opportunity to review clinical materials and discuss practice issues with guided reading and handouts to supplement the event. Those attending should have familiarity with abuser treatment programmes and some knowledge of risk factors/models of relapse prevention.

PC4

What Do We Mean By 'Holistic' Needs of Young People, Why Are They Important and How Do We Assess Them

Bobbie Print, Sharon Leeson, Julie Morgan, G-Map & Dawn Fisher, Consultant to G-Map/St Andrew's Healthcare (UK)

Led by the G-MAP team, this seminar will explore the meaning and rationale for holistic assessment of young people presenting with harmful sexual behaviours. The relevance of some current assessment models will be considered and suggestions offered regarding the why and how to extend these to include areas such as: young people's emotional readiness and psychological ability for work; support needs; and learning styles and implications for intervention planning.

G-MAP is a leading independent organisation offering a range of services to young people who display inappropriate sexual behaviours, their families, carers and the professionals that work with them.

These full day seminars will take place on the day before Conference and will give attendees the opportunity to study an issue in more detail in the company of expert presenters. The seminars are competitively priced and can be booked on the enclosed application form. Places are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment.