

Paraphilias and Learning Disability

Friday 12 May 2017

Course outline and aims

The course aims to address how to better support both adults and young people with learning disabilities who have developed paraphilias and whose behaviour subsequently challenges services. The course will cover how and why paraphilias emerge, how best to support and work with people with learning disabilities and paraphilias from a Human Rights perspective and how assessment and treatment can provide insights and a reduction in inappropriate sexualised behaviours and sexual offences.

All of us are sexual beings; however the expression of some sexual feelings and fantasies can lead to injury to self and/or others. The most commonly known paraphilia is paedophilia and there are many types of sexual behaviour also classed as paraphilia. The study of paraphilias as they present in people with learning disabilities is a relatively under-researched area.

What will you learn?

- A better understanding of what a paraphilia is and how to recognise it
- Be better able to care and support of people with learning disabilities with these behaviours
- Increased awareness of how one's own reactions to paraphilias can impact on the relationships we develop with those people we work with
- Explore and having a clearer understanding of how some sexualised behaviours can be mistaken for paraphilias

Who is the course for?

All levels of staff working or preparing to work with adults with learning disabilities who present with harmful sexual behaviour.

- Teachers, teaching assistants, learning support staff
- Safeguarding leads
- Social Workers
- Care staff working in supported housing, residential and day care
- Probation Service officers and staff
- Staff and volunteers working in voluntary organisations and community groups

Our training approach

The course is limited to 12 participants offering the best opportunity for you to not only learn from our Trainer, it also enables you to learn from other participants' experience of working with young people with learning disabilities. The training is delivered using an effective mix of theoretical and experiential techniques.

Qualification: Certificate of Attendance

About the Trainer

The Course Trainer is Richard Curen, Consultant Forensic Psychotherapist and Deputy CEO at Respond. Richard has a considerable track record and expertise in working with sexual abuse. He was previously with Survivors UK and responsible for managing the individual and group therapy services for adult male survivors of sexual violence. He is a Board Member of the International Association for Forensic Psychotherapy, a member of the National Association for the Treatment of Abusers and visiting Lecturer for The Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust.

Course logistics

Date: Friday 12 May 2017

Time: 10am to 4pm. Please arrive from 9.30am for registration and refreshments.

Venue: Respond, 3rd Floor, 24-32 Stephenson Way, London, NW1 2HD.

Getting here: Respond is located close to Euston mainline station, Euston Square underground station (Hammersmith and City, Circle and Metropolitan lines), Euston and Warren Street underground stations (Victoria and Northern lines). For up to date information on travel and transport please go to this link <https://tfl.gov.uk/plan-a-journey/>.

Lunch: Respond does not provide lunch. There are numerous sandwich shops and cafes within short walking distance of our office. You are welcome to bring your own lunch and eat in the training room.

Fee: £90 and early bird £75 if booked before 14 April. All fees are subject to a booking charge.

Booking: booking for our training courses is through Eventbrite. Please click on this link <https://respond1617paraphilia.eventbrite.co.uk>

Cancellation: a full refund less a £10 administration is payable if you cancel the course up to three weeks in advance. Refunds are not payable after this time.

Further information: please call 020 7383 0700 or email training@respond.org.uk with your query and we will do our best to help. Our offices are open on weekdays from 9.30am to 5pm daily.