Case formulation is an individualised theory that seeks to describe and explain a particular client’s symptoms, problems or behaviour; it can also serve as a basis for the provision of treatment or other decision-making. Though case formulation is widely used in forensic practice, there is little consensus regarding how it should be accomplished and what role it should play. Furthermore, approaches to two of the most common activities in forensic practice - risk assessment and rehabilitation - have, in recent years, been dominated by structured and actuarial risk assessment instruments and manualised group programmes. The role of case formulation in these approaches is often unclear and sometimes rejected. However, forensic practitioners are becoming increasingly aware of the value of adjunctive case formulation.

In this workshop participants will be invited to explore the history and current status of various risk assessment methodologies; their advantages and limitations will be described. The practice and key features of case formulation and its use in forensic psychology will also be explored. A method for integrating the results of structured risk assessments into a case formulation will be presented. The key features of a high quality formulation will be discussed.

Furthermore, a case formulation based approach to offender assessment - the Offence Paralleling Behaviour (OPB) framework, will be described. OPB formulations look systematically at the relationship between current day-to-day functioning (often in custody) and the way an individual was functioning at the time of the offence with a view to using the current presentation to inform risk management, assessment and intervention.

The construct of OPB has been used recently by a number of practitioners in different settings for both intervention and assessment. In the context of formulation for intervention the construct can offer the practitioner opportunity to work with the client’s current behaviour so as to help individuals change problematic ways of thinking, feeling and behaviour that may relate to offending in the community. One aim of this type of intervention is to develop and rehearse prosocial in-custody behavior. The OPB framework also offers guidance for staff in their intervention outside of formal treatment (e.g., structured group) activities.

Participants will be invited to explore behaviour in custody that parallels that shown during the development of an offence, or which is itself offending, as critical for identifying treatment targets and assessing whether an individual offender remains at risk. The concept of OPB and its use in the context of case formulation driven risk assessment and interventions will be introduced.

Finally, although the OPB construct has face validity its use in systematic risk assessment is associated with a number of possible biases that need to be addressed. Participants will be encouraged to critically evaluate this kind of approach by developing an understanding of the potential confounding impact of a range of biases in clinical judgement. Research examining the OPB construct will be described and a practice algorithm to guide OPB analyses will be presented.

The workshop will use a range of teaching methods including didactic, interactive and case-study methods.

This training course is appropriate for practitioners who, as part of their role, must conduct and interpret risk assessment in relation to individuals at risk of violence or sexual violence.
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