This 3-day workshop focuses upon the adaptation and application of commonly used risk assessment instruments to Intellectually Disabled (ID) individuals who offend. Participants will have specific training in administration and scoring of the Psychopathy Checklist-Screening Version (PCL: SV), the Sexual Violence Risk 20 (SVR 20), and the ARMIDILO-S.

In recent years considerable developments have been made in the validation of risk assessment instruments. Such tools are now generally accepted to be a crucial component in the effective management of sexually violent offenders. Much of the research used in the development of these tools, however, have been with non-Intellectually Disabled (ID) offender populations. The direct applicability of the individual items on these instruments to ID offender populations can be unclear.

This 3-day workshop focuses upon the adaption and application of commonly used risk assessment tools to ID individuals at risk of sexual violence. Specific attention will given to the unique circumstances of ID offenders, and how this may be integrated into current validated risk assessment approaches.

Participants will be provided with up-to-date knowledge and skills in the risk assessment of sexually violent ID individuals. The first day will focus upon the assessment of psychopathy using the PCL SV. The second day will focus upon the use of the SVR 20, whilst the third day will give participants training in the use of the recently developed ARMIDILO-S.

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

1. An understanding of the different models, approaches and challenges of assessing sexual risk in ID offenders;
2. Skills to administer and score the ARMIDILO-S;
3. Skills to adapt the SVR-20 and PCL:SV to ID Offenders;
4. A structure and approach on how to use information gained from risk assessment tools to reach individualised risk formulations and management plans for ID offenders.

Participants will need to complete 1 hour worth of reading prior to each day (excluding Day 1).

Who should attend?

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

Workshop schedule

Day 1 (PCL-SV Sexual Offending)
- Introduction to Psychopathy, Risk Assessment and Risk Management with Intellectually Disabled Sexual Offenders.
- Administration & scoring of the Psychopathy Checklist-Screening Version (PCL:SV)

Day 2 (SVR-20)
- Training in the administration & scoring SVR-20 with ID Sexual Offenders
- Development of risk formulation integrating information from SVR-20

Day 3 (ARMIDILO-S)
- Introduction to the ARMIDILO-S
- Training in the administration & scoring of the ARMIDILO-S
ARMIDILLO (Sexual Offenders) is a recently developed clinically guided dynamic risk assessment system for sexual and violent ID offenders. The ARMIDILLO used with an actuarial test and an appropriate structured clinical guideline is part of an assessment procedure which combines the assessment of risk and risk manageability in one assessment. The items in the ARMIDILLO are distributed amongst staff/environment and client dynamic factors, both of which are further differentiated into stable and acute dynamic groups. The scale provides a structure for the date gathering process and date reporting enhancing as much as possible objectivity. The scale provides likelihood of re-offending within certain timeframes and allows easy comparison of any one offender with other offenders using the same test. It allows test users to derive a treatment or management plan.

The Psychopathy Checklist - Screening Version (PCL-SV) is an abbreviated and highly correlated version of the Hare Psychopathy Checklist-Revised (PCL-R). The PCL-R and PCL-SV, are strong predictors of recidivism, violence and the inability to respond to therapeutic intervention. Both the PCL-R and PCL-SV are routinely used to assess risk in a variety of forensic populations, to aid sentencing decisions, treatment suitability and institutional placements. It is an effective screener for psychopathic personality disorders that can be used with general, forensic, or psychiatric populations.

The Sexual Violence Risk - 20 revised (SVR-20) has been available since 1997. It has been used widely with forensic and criminal justice populations of sexual offenders. It consists of 20 items, including the PCL-R. There are 11 psychosocial variables, 7 variables that deal with sexual offences, and 2 with future plans. All of these variables contain dynamic and static aspects and the rater uses structured clinical judgement to derive an overall risk level depending on the client’s overall supervision and treatment needs. While more recent tests have attempted to surpass the SVR-20 in terms of comprehensiveness, the SVR-20 remains the best researched and most widely used structured professional judgement instrument for sexual offenders.

About the presenter: Dr Doug Boer

Doug Boer is Associate Professor and Past-Director of Clinical Psychology at the University of Waikato in New Zealand. Dr Boer has worked in the area of risk assessment and management with general as well as special offender populations since the early nineties. He is co-author of risk assessment instruments the Sexual Violence Risk 20 (SVR 20), and the Assessment of Risk with Individuals with developmental and Intellectual Limitations who Offend (ARMIDILLO). He has published widely in the area and presented at international conferences on the topic. Dr Boer has consulted to organizations and provided training on risk assessment and management to mental health professionals, probation officers and corrections staff. He continues to work clinically with offenders and provide supervision to students and professionals. He is a clinical associate of the Forensic Psychology Centre and is available to provide training, supervision and also court reports.
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Workshop sessions includes all day refreshments, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

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