



Do you know a young person or adult with a learning disability whose behaviour has brought them into, or places them at risk of, contact with the Criminal Justice System?

Referrals

To make a referral contact Respond on the number below. Potential clients who meet our criteria will be offered an assessment to see whether or not the therapy that we provide is appropriate. Clients are seen at our London (Euston) base, although assessments can take place in other parts of the country.

Costs

There are different costs for different services. Please call Richard Curen on 020 7874 5483 for more information or to discuss a potential referral.

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Community-Based Forensic Services

Providing community-based assessment, treatment and support for young people and adults with learning disabilities who have offended, or are at risk of, offending



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from hurting to healing

Respond provides the following Forensic services:

- Individual and group psychological treatments for young people and adults
- Sex Offender Treatment (SOTSEC-ID) groups for adult sex offenders
- Multi-disciplinary risk assessments
- Training on all forensic issues relating to learning disabilities
- Investigative assessments
- Support and advice for carers, support workers, and practitioners
- Clinical supervision and consultancy to teams or individual practitioners

“ The training Respond provided was of the highest quality and has helped our organisation to think carefully about how we develop our forensic practice. ”

Feedback from recent trainee

Risks and Solutions

Accurate assessments and early interventions are the keys to substantially reducing re-offending and enabling clients to live independently. Respond can provide both in-depth assessments of risk and psychological treatments.

Risk Assessment

Respond multi-disciplinary risk assessments provide an expert opinion on risk management strategies and treatment plans in order to reduce offending. Increasingly, it is recognised that ‘good’ and ‘bad’ can co-exist in the same person, leading to a treatment model that acknowledges, and can respond to, the abused and the abuser.

Psychological Treatment

Respond provides psychological treatment that uses the therapeutic relationship as a way of understanding the basis of ‘offending’ and how best the client may be helped to reduce the frequency and severity of their behaviour. Our forensic model has grown out of Respond’s Attachment-based Systems Approach (ASA) that we have developed over the last 20 years. Using this approach clients become able to understand and take some role in managing their own offending, supported by those around them.

Respond’s Forensic Services

Since 1991, Respond has been developing clinical interventions to address the needs of men and women with learning disabilities who live in the community and have complex and often challenging problems. We have developed a range of forensic services to help understand offending, reduce risk to the client and others, and enable him or her to live an ordinary life.

Most people referred to Respond’s community-based services have histories of abuse or neglect and have gone on to develop worrying sexualised behaviours. Clients often come with a complex mixture of learning disabilities, mental health problems, neurodevelopmental conditions or are on the autistic spectrum. Many individuals have experienced a number of placement breakdowns, have been detained under the Mental Health Act and/or have a history of repeated hospital admissions. Often they are considered hard to treat due to misunderstandings about their ability to engage.

Respond is able to make a significant difference to the lives of the people referred to us through a mixture of direct client contact and by working closely with the network of health and social care practitioners, support workers and carers.