

Sexuality and sexual behaviour in young people with learning disabilities - exploring the spectrum. Considering creative approaches to sex and relationships education and interventions for harmful sexual behaviour

Friday 28 February 2014; ACAMH Avon Branch

 Engineers House, Clifton, Bristol BS8 3NB

OVERVIEW

Understanding sexuality, sexual relationships and sexual behaviour in young people with learning disabilities is crucial in order to equip practitioners and educators offer the best and most appropriate advice and support to both promote healthy sexual development for this group as well as advocate their rights. It is also important to recognise when sexual behaviour is harmful and the developmental, psychological and social factors underpinning this, thus enabling practitioners a foundation for offering the most appropriate support and interventions to young people so they are better able to develop healthy, fulfilling and appropriate relationships with others.

CONFERENCE AIMS

This conference aims to provide practitioners and educationalists working with children and young people with learning disabilities, with a knowledge and greater understanding of sexuality, sexual relationships and sexual behaviour in young people with learning disabilities. It also offers a number of practical ways to promote healthy development and understanding of relationships, and the most relevant and helpful manifestations, early intervention and therapeutic approaches.

APPEAL

The balanced programme of morning presentations and afternoon workshops, all led by informed experts in their field will ensure a reliably comprehensive overview of this important theme and be of interest to all those working with children and young people with learning disabilities in health, education, social work and the voluntary sector.

PRESENTERS

Targeted morning sessions led by:

Dr Eileen Vizard CBE is a Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist at Whittington Health and Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer at University College London. Eileen has led pioneering work for over 25 years with young people who engage in sexually harmful behaviour towards others

Dr Ruth Bevan is a Consultant Learning Disabilities Psychiatrist with Northumberland Tyne and Wear NHS Trust

Lesley Kerr-Edwards is Director of Image in Action

Dr Mel Turpin is a Clinical Psychologist with the Be Safe Service

Paul Jefferson is an Early Intervention Youth Worker for Brook in Bristol

Stephen Barry is the Be Safe Service Principal Clinician

Ro Rossiter is a Consultant Clinical Psychologist and Researcher at the Tizard Centre, University of Kent

WORKSHOPS

Practical afternoon workshops as follows:

A1 'Stay Safe, Be Safe': A Preventative/Early Intervention Schools Based Programme For Young People With Learning Disabilities At Risk Of Engaging In Harmful Sexual Behaviour with Dr Mel Turpin and Paul Jefferson

A2 Sexual health and relationships education with young people with severe LD (SLD) with Lesley Kerr-Edwards

B1 'What can a turtle teach me?': Creative ways of working with children and young people with LD who behave in ways that harm sexually with Stephen Barry and Ro Rossiter

B2 Sexual health and relationships education with young people with mild to moderate LD (MLD) with Lesley Kerr-Edwards

PROGRAMME

- 09.00 Registration and refreshments
- 09.15 Introduction: *Dr Toni Hovey, Chair, ACAMH Avon Branch Committee*
- 09.30 **Sexuality and Relationships Education for young people with learning disabilities; issues, rights and responsibilities - Lesley Kerr-Edwards**
- 10.30 Coffee break
- 11.00 **Evidence base for sexual development and harmful sexual behaviour in young people with learning disabilities - Dr Eileen Vizard**
- 12.00 **Gender dysphoria in young people with learning disabilities - Dr Ruth Bevan**
- 12.45 Lunch
- 13.45 **Parallel workshops - A1 and A2*(see left panel for description)**
- 14.45 Coffee break
- 15.15 **Parallel workshops - B1 and B2*(see left panel for description)**
- 16.15 Plenary
- 16.30 Close of conference

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