



1 Day Training Event

# Paraphilias in Learning Disabilities



Wednesday 13th

March 2013

**Institute of**

**Family Therapy**

24-32

Stephenson Way

London NW1 2HD

Respond is the leading voluntary sector provider of community-based psychological assessment and treatment services for children and adults with learning disabilities.

Paraphilias, sexual perversions as they are also known, have existed as long as human beings have. 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, but there are many types of sexual behaviour that are also classed as paraphilias. The nature of these paraphilias and how and why they develop in individuals is a growing area of research for academics and clinicians alike. However, the study of paraphilias as they present in people with learning disabilities is a relatively under researched area that we at Respond believe needs to be encouraged.

This training day is for professionals who wish to increase their knowledge and understanding of paraphilias and how they manifest in a small number of people with learning disabilities. We will also look at how some sexualised behaviours can be mistaken for paraphilias; how they can emerge as a result of a lack of appropriate sex education; or as a result of untreated and misunderstood experiences of sexual abuse during childhood.

This training aims to address how we can better support both adults and young people with learning disabilities who have developed paraphilias and whose behaviours subsequently challenge services.

This training day will focus on:

- What is a paraphilia and how to recognise them
- How and why paraphilias emerge in people with learning disabilities
- How best to support and work with people with learning disabilities and paraphilias from a Human Rights perspective
- How assessment and treatment can provide insights and a reduction in inappropriate sexualised behaviours and sexual offences

Learning outcomes:

- A better understanding of what a paraphilia is and how to recognise them
- 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.

The day will be run by Respond's Consultant Forensic Psychotherapist Richard Curen

Booking form for Paraphilia and Learning Disability Training:

Name:..... Profession:.....

Address:.....

Phone:..... Email:.....

£90 full cost  £75 if booked before 1st March  (cheques payable to Respond)

Please return with payment to: Helen Rose, Respond, 24-32 Stephenson Way, London NW1 2HD

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CPD certificates will be available after the seminar