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## A two day course in use of the **Mini PAS-ADD** interview for mental health assessment of people with intellectual disability

Presented by: Dr Steve Moss

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> July 2012

To be held at the Munro Centre, 66 Snowsfield, London,  
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Recognising and responding to mental health needs has been one of the most important developments in the field of intellectual disability over the past 20 years. During that time, staff working with people who have intellectual disabilities have become increasingly sophisticated in their knowledge of mental health issues, and increasingly pivotal in the roles they fulfil. Overall, the assessment of mental health problems has become an increasingly *collaborate* venture between psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses, social workers and others. The PAS-ADD tools (Psychiatric Assessment Schedules for Adults with Developmental Disabilities) have become widely adopted throughout the UK, Australia and many other countries, as a way of improving the quality of assessment, and communication of information between professionals.

This two-day course is an opportunity to become a certified user of the Mini PAS-ADD informant interview. The course leader is Dr. Steve Moss, who has directed the ongoing development of the PAS-ADD tools since 1990.

**The course is suitable for all staff involved in mental health assessment, including experienced clinicians.** The exact content and level is adapted to fit the needs of the specific group.

This two-day workshop costs £375 and includes tea, coffee & biscuits and a cold fork buffet.

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## Course content

### Day 1

During the first day participants are given some background on modern thinking on mental health issues in people with intellectual disability, and introduced to both the PAS-ADD Checklist and the Mini PAS-ADD

The exercises of Day 1 focus primarily on the development of accurate symptom coding in relation to axis I psychiatric disorders. This is achieved through the use of specially constructed case vignettes, on which the participants work in small groups under the guidance of the workshop presenter. Learning to use the clinical glossary is central to the activities of the first day.

### Day 2

Clinical interviewing is one of the fundamental techniques used to assess people's mental health status, yet there are many factors that make it potentially unreliable. The Mini PAS-ADD has been designed to increase reliability and validity of interviewing informants, and Day 2 will start by focussing on the development of the semi-structured interviewing skills necessary to achieve this.

The following components of interviewing will be covered:

- I. Eliciting the temporal development and expression of the disorder
- II. Deciding on the rating periods
- III. Eliciting symptoms

The second part of the day will look at use of the autism screen, and the problems of distinguishing symptoms of autism from those of obsessive compulsive disorder.

The final part of day 2 will start with a discussion of case formulation and the various perspectives that need to be considered. This stage in assessment is absolutely crucial because most mental health problems are a complex mix of factors, often leading to a potentially large number of possible logical explanations for the problem having arisen. Participants will work on a complex case involving various types of information, to derive diagnostic hypotheses and case formulations.

**People who have completed both days will receive an advanced certification in use of the Mini PAS-ADD, and will be entered on the international register of qualified users.**

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Steve Moss has worked for 30 years in disability research, initially in the field of visual impairment, and subsequently in the area of intellectual disability. He has an international reputation for his work in the fields of ageing and of mental health. His work on development of the PAS-ADD system (Psychiatric Assessment Schedules for Adults with Developmental Disabilities) is particularly well known, and these assessments are now used in many countries throughout the world. He is currently an associate member of the Estia Centre, Guy's Hospital, London, and Honorary Senior Lecturer at the Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London

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*Prosser, H., Moss, S.C., Costello, H., Simpson, N., Patel, P, & Rowe, S. (1998) Reliability and validity of the Mini PAS-ADD for assessing psychiatric disorders in adults with intellectual disability. Journal of Intellectual Disability Research 42, 264-272.*

## **Terms and Conditions**

This two-day workshop costs £375 and includes tea, coffee & biscuits and a cold fork buffet.

Payment: 30 days from invoice or before the seminar (whichever is sooner)

Cancellations: All cancellations should be made in writing and will be subject to a charge.

Cancellations made before the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2012 will incur a £50 charge. If a cancellation is received on or after the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2012 (for any reason, inc. sickness) the full fee must be paid.

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**BOOKING FORM: 'Two- Day Training in the use of the Mini PAS-ADD Interview'**  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> July 2012  
Please complete one form per delegate. Photocopy as necessary.

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