

Sex Offenders and the Internet

Understanding the behaviour - Managing the risks



... Specialist training, consultancy & advice

The number of individuals being investigated, cautioned and convicted for internet offences poses particular challenges for practitioners working in public protection.

Our one-day course looks at the links between online and offline behaviours and how practitioners might make sense of concerning information, feeding into risk management strategies which are proportionate and meaningful. It will be of particular interest to police officers and other public protection professionals.



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Internet offenders and public protection

A course for those working in public protection roles

This training course explores the range of sexual offences perpetrated through the internet and what motivates different types of internet offenders. Based on research about offending and the risk of reoffending, the course enables you to better understand:

- The latest information on prevalence, offenders and victims
- The function of internet offending behaviour for different offenders
- Typologies of internet offenders
- The relationship with 'hands on' sexual abuse
- How to differentiate risk indicators from contextual and legal considerations
- How to reach evidence-based judgements as to appropriate risk management strategies
- Practical strategies for engaging the offender (and family members) in addressing inappropriate or illegal use of technology.

Drawing upon our research and treatment work, our facilitators will also explain:

- Characteristics of offenders
- The range of motivations for internet offending
- Assumptions and biases in the assessment of internet offenders
- Apparent psychological similarities and differences between internet-only and contact abusers
- Understanding and managing specific risks.

During the day, you will consider the issues through practical case examples, including video case studies. The course also allows you to explore and discuss your own case examples and practise examining the offending behaviour in the context of the typologies presented.

Booking for 12 May (Bristol), 16 Jun (Birmingham), 29 Sep (Surrey), 6 Oct 2010 (Bristol), 9 Feb (Surrey) and 9 Mar 2011 (Birmingham).

Check the website for more dates or call us to arrange group training at your own premises.

We provide a range of consultancy services and programmes of direct work with internet offenders and their families. These include our Inform and Inform Plus courses, the self-help website CROGA.org and the Stop it Now! confidential helpline as well as Securus, a computer monitoring service for use as part of risk management.

For more details, visit www.lucyfaithfull.org

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