

Forensic LD: Lecture Series 2/12

SEX OFFENDING IN PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:

FRAMEWORK FOR ASSESSMENT

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From

“Nothing Works”

to

“Risk Needs Responsivity”



Risk Needs Responsivity

Match intensity of
intervention

to assessed level of risk

1. Who
should
be treated

for addressing the criminogenic needs

2. What
should
be treated?

in a way that is responsive to the
learning style

3. How
to deliver it?

Avoid the dangers of

Under treating high risk individuals

Over treating low risk individuals

**Focusing on issues unrelated to risk of
reoffending**

Thornton's framework

1. SOCIAL &
EMOTIONAL
FUNCTIONING

2. SEXUAL
INTERESTS/
PREFERENCES

4. SELF
REGULATION

3. DISTORTED
ATTITUDES
& BELIEFS



1. SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL FUNCTIONING

Counterfeit deviance

Not deviant sexual interest, but lack of sexual knowledge + poor social skills + limited opportunities + social naivette

But

Current thinking: Lacking comprehension of social norms and relationships + deviant sexual interests
▶ *sexual offending*

1. SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL FUNCTIONING

Counterfeit deviance

Attachment issues

Adapted Relationship Scale- 15 items to identify 3 attachment styles (secure, anxious avoidant, dismissing avoidant)

Adapted Self-Esteem Questionnaire- 8 items, yes-no scale, sensitive to treatment effect

1. SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL FUNCTIONING

Counterfeit deviance

Attachment issues

**Mental health symptoms
and diagnoses**

*Rating scales for anxiety,
depression, etc*

*The 10 diagnostic planes in the
10 point treatment programme*

2. SEXUAL PREFERENCES/ INTERESTS

- A. Phallometric technology
- B. Attention based methods
- C. Self report measures
- D. Psychometric measures

**Sexual interests and sexual drive/
preoccupations equally important**

Sexual Attitudes & Knowledge Assessment (2007): covers 4 domains- sexual awareness, assertiveness, understanding relationships & social interactions

Multiphasic Sex Inventory (1984): caution

3. DISTORTED (SEXUAL) ATTITUDES & BELIEFS

**Faulty thought processes
about victims, sexuality or the
offences: serve to justify
sexual offending.**

**Denial and Minimisation: unrelated to recidivism
Attitudes tolerating sex offending: related**

*QACSO: 63 item questionnaire on attitudes consistent
with sex offenders, standardised on ID (2000)*

Adapted Victim Empathy Scale (1994, 2007)

4. SELF REGULATION



Ability to plan, problem solve and regulate dysfunctional impulses that lead to sexual offending

Adapted Relapse Prevention Interview

PCL-R (adapted by C Morrissey) and PCL-SV

A framework for assessment

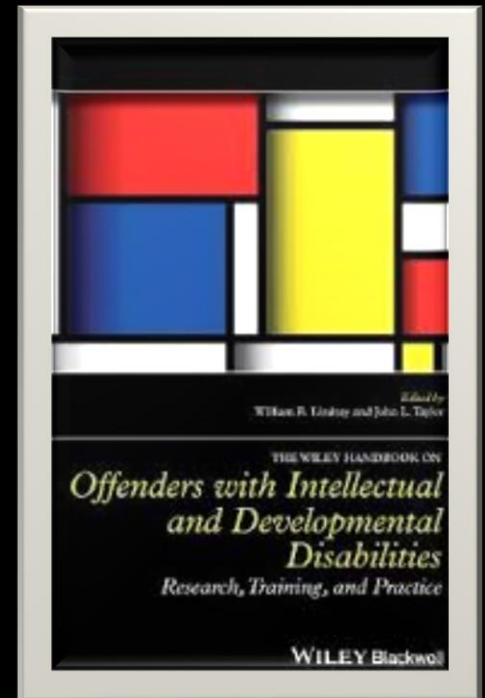
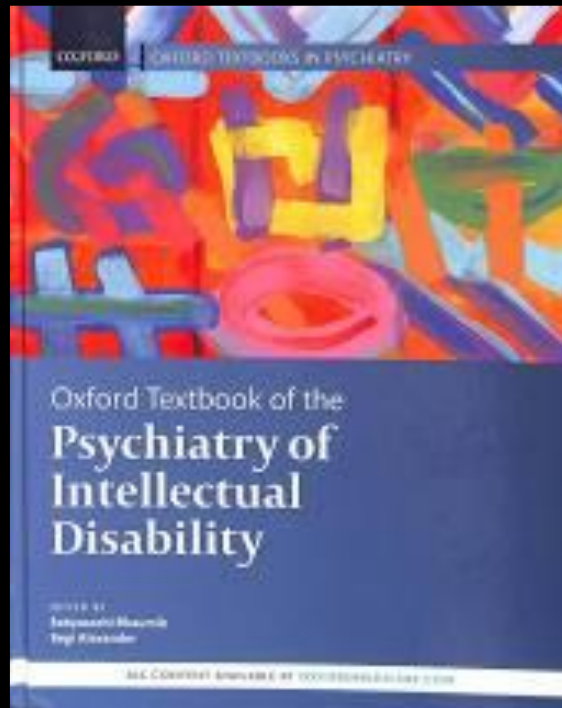
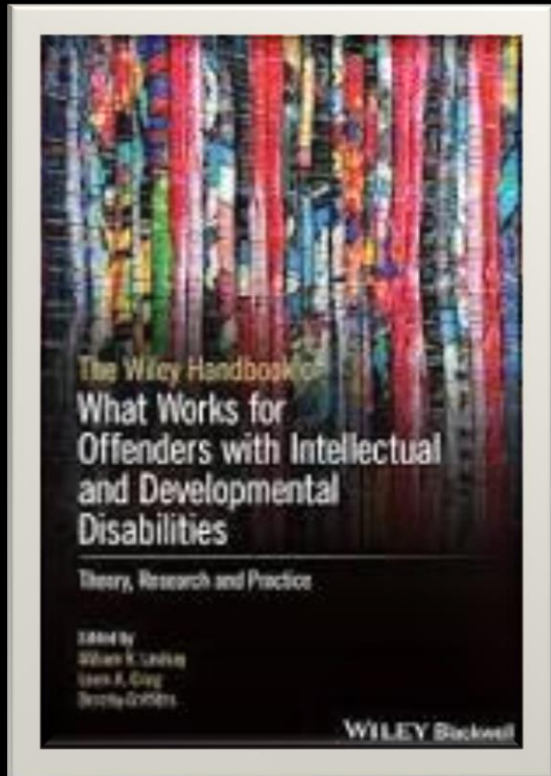
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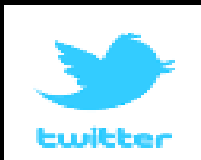




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