

Picking up the pieces: Recent developments in relation to adolescent harmful sexual behaviour and trauma

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Level – Suitable for all but aimed at people who have experience of working with young people.

This workshop will look at two recent initiatives developed by the Centre for Youth and Criminal Justice at Strathclyde University. The first is the High Risk Mental Health Youth Project, a national pilot to support local authorities and partners in risk assessment and management of young people (up to the age of 18) who present a significant risk to others. The workshop will present some early data about the work of the project, looking particularly at trauma presentations and issues around sexually harmful behaviour. The workshop will also look at the 'Safer Lives' intervention programme that has been rolled out across Scotland, and how this programme has been adapted to respond to the needs of children and young people who display harmful sexual behaviours where there are complex issues relating to trauma. Delegates will gain from the workshop an understanding of current approaches to working with young people who have experienced significant maltreatment but whose behaviour presents a risk to others as well as themselves.