



MENTOR
FORENSIC SERVICES

SPECIALIST INTERVIEW COURSE:

USING BEHAVIOURAL ANALYSIS INSIGHTS INTO PERPETRATORS OF SEXUAL CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TO INFORM THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF EFFECTIVE INTERVIEW STRATEGIES



CONTENT

This 5 day course combines two of Mentor's most popular courses (Understanding child sex offenders & the Mentor Interview Technique) to provide a comprehensive insight into understanding the behaviour of perpetrators of sexual crimes against children and applying this knowledge to creating more effective interview strategies.

By understanding how and why sexual abuse takes place, those working at the front line of child protection are better placed to intervene and safeguard the most vulnerable in society. Providing child protection through a greater understanding of how sex offenders operate is the ethos behind the Mentor Interview Technique. This comprehensive specialist interview system has been specifically designed to enhance the skills and knowledge base of those professionals who interview child sex offenders in the course of law enforcement investigations, child protection evaluations and risk assessment and/or management of offenders.

For the first time, professionals working in these challenging environments can undertake a programme of study that will not only provide a framework for ongoing professional development but introduces participants to a tried and tested methodology for developing, preparing and implementing effective interview strategies with perpetrators of child sexual abuse both in the online and offline environments.

Successfully engaging a sex offender or possible perpetrator during interview can make all the difference to the outcome of an investigation and to effective risk management.

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDE

- The role of behaviour analysis
- Myths and facts about child sexual abuse
- Theoretical perspective – the spiral of sexual abuse
- Travelling sex offenders
- Women who sexually abuse children
- Organised groups of sex offenders
- Internet child sexual exploitation-implications for those that safeguard children
- What encourages engagement in interview
- How theory informs practice in interview planning
- Advanced techniques and practical skills in interviewing child sexual offenders
- Offence analysis and sexual offending against children
- Identified subject profiling
- The Sullivan Behaviour Analysis Tool (S-BAT)
 - Complex Spiral Grid
 - Manipulation styles
 - Denial Typologies
 - Life History Timelines
 - The Projected Personalities Matrix (PPM)
- Protocols for interview planning
- Designing a layered interview approach
- Demonstrations of interview planning and the delivery of interview strategy

THE BENEFITS

This training ensures that all participants will recognise the value of crucial information and teaches how to harness it in order to further develop the interview. By utilising a series of video interviews with offenders, participants get a first hand opportunity to understand how interview skills can be implemented and built upon.

BY THE END OF THE COURSE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO:

- Understand the prevalence of child sexual abuse and the degree to which criminal records reflect a perpetrator's pattern of sexual offending
- Recognise the myths and facts about child sexual abuse
- Comprehend the role which behaviour analysis can play in facilitating a better understanding of offender behaviour
- Identify common characteristics of offending behaviour
- Plan for more effective offender interviews & meetings
- Use behavioural analysis tools to create accurate risk assessments
- Understand how offender motivations and justifications create a 'spiral of abuse'
- Better decide what are the important questions to ask each offender
- Recognise grooming & manipulation more readily
- Understand the key features and issues related to women who sexually offend
- Distinguish the importance of identifying those offenders who travel to facilitate the sexual exploitation of children
- Identify the prevalence and key features of offenders who engage in group based child sexual exploitation
- Comprehend the risk factors related to sex offenders who view/download indecent images of children.
- Use advanced techniques and practical skills to encourage engagement in interview
- Apply theoretical techniques to plan effective interviews
- Better analyse sexual offending against children
- Profile a subject
- Understand and apply the Sullivan Behaviour Analysis Tool (S-BAT)
- Utilise the Projected Personalities Matrix (PPM)
- Design a layered interview approach

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course provides core knowledge and skills for those whose work involves interviewing or meeting with sex offenders. It is particularly relevant to offender managers, social workers, and public protection officers. The content will be beneficial to those engaged in risk assessments, intervention programmes, investigation and/or risk management.

METHODS USED

Knowledge delivery and direction from the course leader using analysis of filmed interviews with child sexual offenders, case study review, instruction in the use of practical tools, detailed handouts and the opportunity to raise questions in respect of your own work.

"Understanding offender behaviour gives professionals the confidence of knowing the correct questions to ask, how to interpret the responses and where to look for what is hidden. Correctly interpreting aspects on an offenders pattern of offending will indicate how they will seek to manipulate the interviewers". (Dr Joe Sullivan)

DURATION AND STRUCTURE

This course will last for 5 days and will contain a total of 40 hours of learning. The course teaching content will be supported by handouts and course reading materials to enhance the participants' understanding of the topic areas. All participants will receive a Mentor Certificate of Completion

Participants should be aware that the course content includes video. The video material is confidential and some details of case studies have been changed to protect victims. The course is designed for personal professional development only, the video material may not be audio and/or video recorded. The course materials are subject to copyright and may not be distributed.

It is Mentor policy to request proof of identity and professional credentials from all delegates; we reserve the right to refuse individuals on our training courses at our own discretion.

We provide a full refund for cancellations notified more than ten working days prior to the event. After this time we require full payment for the course.

Bookings can be made via our website www.mentorforensics.com or by email to training@mentorforensics.com

If you wish to discuss running one of our courses in your area we have special rates for block bookings and are happy to design a training event customised for your agency's specific needs.

FEEDBACK FROM PREVIOUS PARTICIPANTS

“This technique gives you the knowledge and skills to really explore a suspect's account and pick out the clues and inconsistencies”. Law Enforcement USA

“I can see this technique will greatly assist me to approach interviews with confidence and achieve better than ever before.” Social worker UK

“The case studies are a fantastic way to gain experience of the skills in action. It's like being in the room as the interview happens.” Probation officer UK

“The interview, whether your regular monthly visit or part of a large-scale investigation, is the critical opportunity to gain information, develop insight and ultimately understand what is needed for safeguarding”. Dr Joe Sullivan, Contribution to the US Attorney General's working party on Sexual Crimes against Children, California, (May 2011)
