

Forensic Treatment: Manual for Treating Sexual Offenders
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Overview

The purpose of this written assignment is to outline an approach to the development of a treatment manual for one of the forensic offender populations discussed in the course.

This will include an introduction that critically assesses the relevant theory, literature and evidence base for the approach selected. It will also include an overview of treatment targets addressed by the program, an outline of the session and a section of ethical considerations.

Introduction

The treatment of sex offenders is an incredibly divisive issue within the forensic psychological community. Sex offending is defined as individuals who engage in sexual behavior with someone who is either not of a sufficient age of majority, or who does not consent to the activity in question. This can include individuals who expose their genitals to someone without provocation or invitation, or someone who touches another person against his/her will. Moreover, observing unexpected people who are naked or engaged in sexual activity is also considered a sexual offence. Sexual offences are among the crimes that invoke the public's greatest ire. Community surveys have found that between 5 percent to 20 percent of men admit to at least one instance of sexual aggression (Hanson and Morton-Bourgon, 2005). Additionally, official records in Canada indicate that between 1-2 percent of the adult male population will eventually be convicted of a sexual crime.

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