The assessment of sexual deviance and paraphilic disorders is an important and often controversial topic in forensic mental health. While some have persuasively argued that sexual behaviour should not be pathologised in such a fashion, meta-analytic results have consistently indicated that sexual deviance is the most potent group of risk factors for recidivism amongst sexual offenders.

This full-day workshop will provide participants with a sound understanding of the most prevalent paraphilic disorders encountered in practice, with an emphasis on the most forensically relevant conditions (i.e., paedophilia, exhibitionism, sexual sadism, voyeurism, and frotteurism). However, recognising rarer paraphilic behaviours will also be covered. The evolution of diagnostic criteria for paraphilic disorders in the various editions of the DSM will be critically discussed. Practical challenges for the assessment and management of sexual deviance will be noted throughout.

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