

# Positive Behaviour Support: A tool for sexual offending risk management

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# Positive Behaviour Support



- Emerged from research questioning use of restrictive interventions
- Applied science focusing on changing the individual's environment
- Primary goal to enhance quality of life
- Secondary goal to reduce challenging behaviour

Carr et al., 2002

# Good Lives Model (GLM)

- Risk factors to offending are viewed as obstacles in the increase of quality of life
- Human behaviours occur in the pursuit of primary goods
- Focuses on client achievement and gain rather than cessation of behaviours and thoughts
- Change is motivated by enhancement of quality of life



# Research Questions



- How do multidisciplinary staff teams supporting individuals at risk of sexual offending view the PBS plan as a tool in which to support the individual while managing the risk of sexual offending?
- What general challenges arise when working with individuals at risk of sexually offending?
- What components specific to working with individuals at risk of sexually offending are not currently supported within the framework of the PBS plans?

# Methodology



- Qualitative data via semi-structured interviews with MDT working in community houses with sexual offenders with a learning disability diagnosis
- E-mail recruitment prompted 17 responses for study interest, 8 were randomly selected for participation
- Semi-structured interviews recorded via Microsoft Teams

# What's Next?



- Using the themes derived from the primary research project, a PBS plan will be developed for an individual
  1. living in the community,
  2. at risk of sexual offending,
  3. with a diagnosis of a learning disability
- Case study design to be used
- Baseline measurements of sexual incidents and Recovering Quality of Life (ReQoL) psychometric will be taken pre-post intervention

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