

Advanced Workshop on Structured Professional Risk Assessment

Speakers: Professor Christopher Webster & Dr Quazi Haque

Key features include:

- An update of research on violence risk assessment.
- Review of case rating skills using the HCR-20 and START (Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability).
- Inter-disciplinary training and implementation.
- Pending revision of the HCR-20 "HCR- Version 3".
- Further developments of the START.
- Understanding and developing the role of research and consultation networks in risk assessment and management.

Target Group:

- Experienced practitioners (e.g. nurses, psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers) who work in civil mental health, forensic psychiatric and criminal justice services and who have experience in conducting individual assessments.
- Practitioners who have a practical understanding of the HCR-20 and related guides through actual clinical use or attendance at a relevant workshop.
- Practitioners who are expected to contribute to the implementation of structured risk assessment schemes.

Christopher Webster Ph.D.F.R.S.C., is Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry, University of Toronto and Professor Emeritus of Psychology, Simon Fraser University. He has published long-term follow-up studies of forensic mental health patients. In recent years, with colleagues in different parts of Canada and the world, he has contributed to a series of Structured professional Judgement (SPJ) guides which aim to sharpen clinical procedures for assessing violence risk in persons who fall within the confines of the civil mental health, forensic psychiatric and correctional services. These SPJ guides include the HCR-20, the HCR-20 Companion Guide, the SARA, the SVR-20, the ERA-20, the WRA-20, and the START. His most recent book, with Stephen Hucker, is called *Violence Risk Assessment and Management* (Wiley, 2007). His most recent edited book is called *Essential Writings* (Centre for Addictions and Mental Health, 2007).

Quazi Haque, MRCPsych DFP LLM, is Medical Director and Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist, Farmfield & Sturt House Hospitals, Priory Secure Services & Department of Forensic Mental Health Science, Institute of Psychiatry, London, UK. Dr Haque is a specialist in the training, evaluation and implementation of structured approaches to risk assessment and management. He has authored original articles and training materials in the field of violence risk and evidence-based implementation of organizational risk management strategies. He has a broad experience of running related workshops often in collaboration with other experts in the field of violence risk assessment. Research interests include validation of the Short Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability (START)

Delegates will be given copies of the presentation material and the START manual

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Time: 9.30- 17.00

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