Advances in Structured Professional Judgement

A workshop for aspiring and established trainers, clinicians, researchers and policy-makers

By Professor Christopher Webster & Dr Quazi Haque

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This advanced workshop is designed for mental health professionals, familiar with the approach of structured professional judgement (SPJ) when managing violence and related risks. The workshop will provide knowledge about new developments in the field, for example the evaluation of protective factors/client strengths and recent revision of the HCR-20. This workshop will help delegates to improve formulation and intervention skills. It will also provide the essential skills necessary to teach SPJ and related approaches. Particular reference will be made to the forthcoming book 'Violence: Risk Assessment and Management (2013)' by C D Webster, Q Haque & S J Hucker. Wiley-Blackwell.

Learning objectives:

- Review of recent metanalytic research
- Improve understanding of why prediction accuracy is limited in this area
- Detailed review of the HCR-20 Version 3
- Updates on new schemes that integrate patient strengths/protective factors into risk management plans (e.g. START, START-Adolescent Version, SAVRY, SAPROF)
- Consideration of new SPJ applications—e.g. terrorism
- Planning and conducting research (with review of selected recent studies)
- Refining intervention skills through sequential redirection (SRD)
- Approaches to enhancing patient involvement and transparency when managing risk.
- Improving case coding skills through case examples
- Teaching tips
- Advanced skills in report writing
- Review of new actuarial schemes e.g. VRAG - R

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, both in Adult and Child and Adolescent services
- 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.

Delegates must have a practical working familiarity with the HCR-20 or related schemes (e.g. START, SAVRY)

Please note: This workshop will provide material and guidance to support experienced professionals who will be taking on training roles within their organisation. This event has led to the establishment of a network of trainers who are able to receive support and to gain continuing consultation from our experts.
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Trainers

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 civil mental health, forensic psychiatric and correctional services. These SPJ guides include the HCR-20, V3, the HCR-20 Companion Guide, the SARA, the SVR-20, the WRA-20, the ERA-20, the EARL-20B, the EARL-21G, the START, and the IMP-V.

Quazi Haque, MBBS, DFP, FRCPsych, LLM, Executive Medical Director & Consultant in Forensic Psychiatry, Partnerships in Care & Honorary Lecturer, Institute of Psychiatry. Dr Haque is a specialist in the evaluation and implementation of structured approaches to risk assessment and management. His research interests include the development and validation of risk assessment tools and the effective implementation of evidence based practice. Since 2004, he has directly co-ordinated the implementation of START and related SPJ scheme across organizations in the United Kingdom and Europe. Dr Haque has an extensive experience of running advanced workshops, often in collaboration with other experts in risk assessment.

Date: 17th & 18th October 2013
Venue: Institute of Psychiatry, London
Time: 9.30–17.00 (Registration 9.15)
Fee: Early bird £ 430 (until 17th September), full fee £ 500

The fee includes a comprehensive delegate pack, and a copy of the book ‘Violence: Risk Assessment and Management (2013)’ CD Webster, Q Haque & S Hucker. Sandwich lunch and refreshments are also included.

Bookings can be made:

- **by card**: please visit: http://estore.kcl.ac.uk and select ‘Conferences and events, Events, Workshops’
- **by cheque or invoice**: Please complete and return the booking form together with a cheque made payable to King’s College London and sent to: FANS Teaching Unit, Department of Forensic and Neurodevelopmental Science(PO23), Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF

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