

*South West London Academic Network –  
Interprofessional Institute (Health and Social Care)  
(SWAN-IPI)*



*A cross-institution series of seminars & workshops on:  
An inter-disciplinary approach to investigating abuse and  
trauma in offenders of serious violent or sexual offences  
to benefit practice.*

Toni Bifulco (RHUL); Julia Davidson (KU)  
Gill Mezey (SGUL)

*(Please note change of seminar dates overleaf)*

*Introduction*

SWan IPI has funded a starter grant for a series of research seminars and workshops for joint working between the three institutions – specifically Health and Social Care (RHUL), Criminology & Sociology (KU) and Mental Health (SGUL) – together with the Centre for Abuse and Trauma Studies (RHUL/KU). The aim is to generate expert discussion and collaborative working, to culminate in research applications across the departments. There will be one seminar per term, held on each of the three sites.

*What are the objectives?*

To explore, discuss and consider current research and gaps in research around issues of abuse and trauma in perpetrators of violent or sexual offending. To develop funding proposals for research across the group, to assist in the identification and management of risk, which will benefit services and influence social policy. Innovative research methods combining qualitative and quantitative approaches will also be outlined.

*Who is invited?*

An inter-disciplinary group of academics and clinicians/practitioners. Academic members of staff of the three universities with an interest and expertise in aspects of trauma and abuse in relation to violent or sexual offending and associated mental disorder. Together with

other outside experts who can contribute to the development of joint research applications.

*What is the format of the seminars?*

The seminars will be by invitation only to keep numbers to a size suitable for a large working group of experts. Each will last 2½ hours with refreshment provided. The format will involve brief presentations from the organising team, with other contributions requested as appropriate, in order to generate discussion around the key topics.

*What is the format of the workshops?*

A series of three smaller follow-on workshops will be planned after the seminars have commenced, to focus on key issues arising in terms of possible funding opportunities and applications

*What are the seminar topics & dates?*

The seminars will focus on reviewing areas of research need; methods, measurement and samples, services and interventions.

1. Reviewing offender/perpetrator behaviour and profile in relation to experience of victimisation/trauma. Lead Prof Julia Davidson held at Kingston University, **25<sup>th</sup> November 2009**
2. Measurement issues and lifespan risks and vulnerabilities in offenders/perpetrators around experiences of abuse and trauma. Lead Prof Toni Bifulco held at Lifespan Research Group, RHUL (Bedford Square) **27<sup>th</sup> January 2010.**
3. Samples, Services and interventions for offenders/perpetrators with prior abuse experiences. Lead Dr Gill Mezey held at SGUL **31<sup>st</sup> March 2010**

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