

## Sexual Health Quarters

# Working with Perpetrators of Sexual Violence Living with Disabilities

Understanding Bias in an Affirmative Disability Counselling Space



## Course overview

This interactive webinar provides practitioners with a critical, disability-affirming framework for working with perpetrators of sexual violence living with disabilities. Participants will explore the Affirmative Model of Disability, Australian sexual violence legislation, current research and statistics, and engage in reflective practice to recognise bias and apply ethical, inclusive counselling approaches that promote accountability and safety.

## Who is it for?

This course is designed for counsellors, psychologists, social workers, disability support professionals, behaviour support practitioners, and allied health workers who work with people with disabilities, particularly those involved in responding to or managing sexual violence, harmful sexual behaviours, or forensic and safeguarding contexts.

## Learning Outcomes

By the end of this interactive webinar, participants will be able to:

- Explain the Affirmative Model of Disability and apply it to counselling contexts.
- Describe key sexual violence legislation in Australia.
- Interpret the latest data and research on sexual violence within disability cohorts.
- Identify personal and systemic biases that influence practice and client engagement.
- Implement inclusive, accountable, and ethically sound counselling strategies tailored to working with perpetrators living with disabilities.



*This course is endorsed by PACFA and eligible for 2 CPD points.*



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## Course outline

### 1. Introduction & Webinar Overview

Objectives:

- Welcome, introductions, and webinar goals
- Establish group agreements and psychological safety

### 2. The Affirmative Model of Disability

Objectives:

- Define disability through an affirmative model
- Contrast with medical and deficit-based perspectives
- How affirmative practice informs trauma-informed responses

### 3. Sexual Violence in Australia: Laws, Definitions & Reporting

Objectives:

- Overview of state/territory legislation relevant to sexual violence & offenses
- Definitions, legal age of consent, capacity considerations
- Mandatory reporting and confidentiality boundaries

### 4. Statistics & Current Research: Disability and Sexual Violence

Objectives:

- Present national and international data on prevalence & risk factors
- Evidence on perpetrators living with disabilities

### 5. Understanding Bias

Objectives:

- Explore personal, cultural, and systemic bias
- Identify bias in clinical language, assessment, and intervention
- How bias impacts safety, accountability, and outcomes

### 6. Counselling Approaches with Perpetrators with Disabilities

Objectives:

- Introduce evidence-informed counselling practices
- Adaptations for accessibility, comprehension, engagement
- Safety planning, behavioural interventions, accountability frameworks

### 7. Wrap-Up & Next Steps