



David Walker: Curriculum Vitae

Counsellor and Psychologist Specialist Behavioural Support Adviser

Qualifications and Training

PG Dip. Counselling Psy. – University of Bristol

B.Sc. (Hons) Psy. – University of Plymouth

Diploma in Community and Youth Work – National Youth Agency/University of West of England

Diploma in CBT – NDAP/Newham College

Accredited MCB Trainer – British Institute of Learning Disability

Currently completing a Research M.Sc in Integrative Counselling Approaches to Challenging and Problematic Behaviours – University of Bristol

Additional postgraduate training in child, behavioural and clinical psychology including psychological and psychometric assessment, augmented communication, pervasive developmental disorders, attachment disorder, makaton, eating disorders, self harm, life history work, relationships and sexuality, sexualised behaviours, comprehensive risk assessment, ADHD and ADD, behavioural reinforcement theory, low arousal interventions and approaches to challenging behaviour, young people and mental health, alcohol and drug misuse, working with victims and perpetrators of sexual abuse, developing behaviour management plans, functional analysis, positive approaches to challenging behaviour, reactive planning

Membership of Professional Organisations

British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy

British Institute of Learning Disability

British Psychological Society (Professional Indemnity Insurance)

Work Experience

Current

- Director Studio III Clinical (Psychology) Services – Individual Assessment and Psychotherapy
- Studio III Consultant on Challenging Behaviour for Services caring for Young People, MCB Team Leader to Studio III
- Lecturer/Tutor in Integrative Counselling in Organisational Settings – University of Bristol
- Private Psychotherapy Practice
- Specialist Challenging Behaviour Support Adviser – Association of Teachers and Lecturers
- Specialist Challenging Behaviour Consultant – National Autistic Society Cymru

Previous

- Organisational Director – SCEP – Psychological/psychotherapeutic work with offenders, young offenders and families
- Project Manager – SPEDAG – Crack cocaine and heroin users in black and south Asian communities
- Co-ordinator – The Farm Project – Residential / drop in project for young people, people with learning disability, autistic spectrum disorder, mental health problems and challenging behaviour
- School Outreach Co-ordinator – Avon County Council – working with excluded pupils with challenging behaviour and pupils at risk of exclusion in schools
- Outreach Worker – HMP Pucklechurch – work with young offenders
- Youth Outreach Worker – Avon County Council Social Services – working with young people excluded from school

Research and Conference Presentations

Drug misuse and abuse within the African-Caribbean and South Asian Community in Bristol – BDP/Home Office

Izat and reporting crime in the South Asian Community – GOSW/Home Office

Effects of burglary and victimisation in Bristol – Safer Cities/Home Office

Young People and Offending Behaviour – Safer Cities/Home Office

Offender's attitudes to vulnerable victims and victim profiling – Home Office

A pilot study in young people's attitudes to crisis management – draft

Prisoner's attitudes to crisis management – Home Office/Prison Service/Studio III

David has spoken on a range of subjects related to strategies to work with challenging, problematic and offending behaviour including therapeutic intervention at conferences throughout the UK. Most recently he has presented in Scotland on *The Paradox of Self Injury* at Stirling University, in Copenhagen on the *Relationship Between Staff Therapeutic Interventions and Challenging Behaviour* for the Danish Autism Society, in Malta on *Young People's Attitudes to Crisis Management and Therapeutic Intervention* for the Eden Project/STEP – a Maltese NGO supported by the Maltese Government and

to the Association of Special Schools on *Trauma, Physical Interventions and Physical Restraint*.

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