

## Understanding sexual offenders

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This session will present data on the Adult Attachment Interviews from adult men who have committed sexual offences and contrast them with a sample of non-offending men. The AAI interviews were conducted in a medium security prison with men who had committed a range of sexual crimes including intra, and extra familial child sexual abuse and sexual offences against adults. Their AAI profiles will be compared to demographically similar men who had not committed any crimes. Implications for understanding offending behaviour and DMM-informed intervention will be discussed.