This eight week course, delivered in London and Leeds, offers you an innovative framework for understanding the complex and subtle issues involved in assessing and managing the risk of violence and sexual offending. You may work in a variety of settings, including generic mental health services, social care, forensic mental health and the criminal justice system.

Course outline
This course stands alone as an eight-week course, but can also form the first module of our Introduction to forensic psychotherapy and risk - the Portman model (P6) course - after completion of Risk: A relational perspective, you may proceed onto the following two terms of this course.

Over the eight weeks, you will examine:
- **Week 1 - 28th September**
- **Week 2 - 5th October**
  Key psychodynamic concepts in understanding symptoms, offending and enactment.
- **Week 3 - 12th October**
  Psychodynamics of the relationship between offender and victim, and between practitioner and client.
- **Week 4 - 19th October**
  Psychodynamic theories of violence.
- **Week 5 - 2nd November**
  The impact of childhood development on adult enactment and offending: developmental history, attachment and cycles of violence and abuse.
Week 6 - 9th November
Psychodynamic theories of sexual offending and perversion.

Week 7 - 16th November
Borderline and psychotic states of mind.

Week 8 - 23rd November
What can be learned?

Please note that the contents of this course can be subject to change.

For students that are studying with us in Leeds, the weekly lecture on a Wednesday will be live linked from London. Work discussion groups will be facilitated in Leeds with Jason B. Kaushal, child and adolescent psychoanalytic psychotherapist.

Who is this course for?
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Fees and Funding
The fee for this course is £675.

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Why study this course with us?
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