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About

Title of PhD: The development and validation of a measure of current sexual interest

Supervisor: **[Professor Anthony R. Beech \(/staff/profiles/psychology/beece-anthony.aspx\)](/staff/profiles/psychology/beece-anthony.aspx)**

I work with adult males in a prison-based Therapeutic Community to facilitate them reducing their risk of reoffending.

Qualifications

- Chartered and Registered Forensic Psychologist
- Chartered Scientist
- *AFBPsS*

Biography

I have a BSc in Psychology and Counseling and an MSc. In Legal and Forensic Psychology. I have worked for the prison service for 14 years, facilitating group work. I have worked on the Sex Offender Treatment Programmes and within the accredited TC.

Research

- Offence paralleling behaviour
- sexual offending
- violent offending
- assessing risk

Other activities

I am a member of the Division of Forensic Psychology committee and reviewer for Forensic Update. I am also a member of ATSA and on the NOTA research committee.

Publications

Academic Journal articles

Akerman, G. (2008). The Development of a fantasy modification programme for a prison-based therapeutic community. *International Journal of Therapeutic Communities*, 29, 180-188.

Akerman, G. & Beech A. (2011). A systematic review of measures of deviant sexual interest and arousal. *Psychiatry, Psychology and Law*. 19, 118-143
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Book chapters

Akerman G. (2010). Undertaking therapy at HMP Grendon with men who have committed sexual offences. In E. Sullivan and R. Shaker (Eds.) *Grendon and the emergence of forensic therapeutic communities: Developments in research and practice*. (171-182). Wiley. UK. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1002%2F9780470661444.ch10> (<http://dx.doi.org/10.1002%2F9780470661444.ch10>)

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Dowdsell, H., Akerman, G., & 'Lawrence' (2010). Unlocking offence paralleling behaviour in a custodial setting-A personal perspective from members of staff and a resident in a forensic therapeutic community. In. M. Daffern. L. Jones and J. Shine (Eds). *Offence paralleling behaviour* (231-243) Wiley: UK. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1002%2F9780470970270.ch14> (<http://dx.doi.org/10.1002%2F9780470970270.ch14>)

Professional Publications

Akerman G (2002) Development of a checklist to measure community minded behaviour in a prison – based therapeutic community *Forensic Update* 69 17-29

Akerman, G (2003) Developing ways to enhance victim empathy with men who have committed offences via the Internet *Nota News* 45 23-24

Akerman, G. (2005) Applying fantasy modification techniques in line with the Good Lives model with learning disability as a confounding factor: A case study. *Nota News* 49.

Akerman, G. (2009). Developing a fantasy-modification programme in a democratic community at HMP Grendon. *Forensic Update* 98, 16-20.

Akerman, G. (2011). Offence paralleling behaviour and the custodial good life at HMP Grendon. *Forensic Update*, 104, 20-25.

Akerman, G. (2012). Sexual offenders, offence paralleling behaviour and how it relates to risk. *Forensic Update*, 105, 17-24.

Book reviews

Forensic Update issue 74 July 2003 Psychology in Prisons

British Journal of Forensic Practice vol. 6 issue 2 May 2004 Forensic Practice in Criminal Cases

Forensic Update issue 83 October 2005. Working with dangerous people: The psychotherapy of violence 42-43

Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers The Forum Vol. XXI, 4, Fall 2009. Assessment and Treatment of Sex Offenders: A handbook

Conference review

Forensic Update issue 87 2006. Eating disorders in prison 51-52

Presentations

Akerman, G & Tew, J. (2006) Treatment Within a Prison Therapeutic Community. Conference presentation: International Association for Forensic psychotherapy 15th International Conference, Revenge, Justice or Treatment? 30th March 2006. Forensic Psychotherapy and the Criminal Law, HMP Grendon

Akerman, G & Tew, J. (2006) What do we know about measuring change in men who have committed sexual offences, and what are we missing? Conference presentation: National Organisation for the Treatment of Abusers, 20th September 2006. University of York.

Akerman G. Developing a fantasy-modification programme in a democratic community at HMP Grendon. *Annual Division of Forensic Psychology Conference: University of Edinburgh. 2008*

Akerman, G. Theories of sexual offending and treatment in custody. *Child Abuse and Sex Offenders Seminar. West Midlands Police Continual Professional Development Day. Birmingham City University 17.09.09*

Akerman, G. (2011). Offence Paralleling behaviour and a custodial good life at HMP Grendon. 20th Annual DFP conference. University of Portsmouth.

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Akerman, G. (2011). A fantasy modification programme developed to run in a democratic therapeutic community. Sexual Violence Conference University of Middlesex. 8th September 2011.

Akerman, G. (2012). Sexual offence paralleling behaviour in secure conditions and how it relates to risk. 21st Annual DFP conference Cardiff Metropolitan University 26-28th June 2012

Akerman, G. (2012). The Development of the Current Sexual Interest Measure. *21st Annual DFP conference Cardiff Metropolitan University 26-28th June 2012*

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12th Conference of the International Association for the Treatment of Sexual Offenders (IATSO) September 5-8th, 2012 Charité University Berlin

Mandikate, P. & Akerman, G. (2012). Can Convicted Offenders Be Classed as 'Volunteering' for Therapy? Working with Men who Have Committed Sexual Offences and Volunteered for Treatment in a Prison-based Therapeutic Community. *12th Conference of the International Association for the Treatment of Sexual Offenders (IATSO) September 5-8th, 2012 Charité University Berlin*

Posters

Akerman, G. (2011). A systematic review of measures of deviant sexual arousal and interest. 20th Annual DFP conference. University of Portsmouth. and Sexual Violence Conference University of Middlesex. 8th September 2011.