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### About

**Title of PhD:** The Sequencing of Interventions with Offenders

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### Qualifications

BSc Psychology with Sociological Studies  
MSc Forensic Psychology

### Biography

I am currently carrying out research commissioned by the Ministry of Justice, exploring the potential impact that the sequence in which interventions/treatment programmes are delivered to offenders may have upon how effective a set of interventions are as a whole, in terms of reducing re-offending levels.

Offenders serving a sentence in excess of a year are likely to participate in more than one intervention, the aim of this research is to be able to provide an evidence base on which to inform decision making as to how interventions can be coherently sequenced whilst considering the individual needs of offenders.

### Research

#### Research interests

- The process of behavioural change in offenders
- Effectiveness of offender treatment programmes
- Predictors of offending behaviour

### Publications

#### Conference presentation

Zoe Stephenson, Jessica Woodhams, Leigh Harkins and Tony Beech (2013). The sequencing of interventions with offenders. British Psychological Society, Division of Forensic Psychology (DFP) conference.

Zoe Stephenson, Jessica Woodhams and Leigh Harkins (2012). The sequencing of interventions with offenders. Psychology Postgraduate Affairs Group conference.

#### Conference poster

Zoe Stephenson, Jessica Woodhams and Claire Cooke (2012). Gender difference in predictors of violent offending. British Psychological Society, Division of Forensic Psychology conference.

#### Articles

Stephenson, Z., Harkins, L., & Woodhams, J. (2013). The sequencing of interventions with offenders: An addition to the responsivity principle. (Under review)

Stephenson, Z., Woodhams, J., Cooke, C. (2013). Gender differences in predictors of violent and non-violent juvenile offending. (Under review)