# Develop control for people who are a risk to themselves or others



#### **Overview**

This unit is about working effectively with people who have behavioural problems that may arise from mental illness. Behaviours may be emotional or racially, physically or sexually abusive. They may in other ways be inappropriate including criminal.

#### There are three elements

- 1 Challenge behaviour which creates risk and establish agreed boundaries and expectations
- 2 Maintain and review agreed boundaries and expectations of behaviour
- 3 Assist people to develop greater control over their behaviour

#### **Target Group**

This unit applies to experienced operational staff who work closely with individuals in custody who have significant behavioural problems.

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## Performance criteria

## Challenge behaviour which creates risk and establish agreed boundaries and expectations

#### You must be able to:

- P1 explore and assess aspects of behaviour that create risk to the individual or others
- P2 take full account of cultural, religious or other factors that may influence the individual's behaviour
- P3 correctly identify boundaries and expectations that will minimise unwanted behaviour and encourage positive behaviour
- P4 identify boundaries and expectations of behaviour that are realistic and contribute to safeguarding the individual and others
- P5 fully discuss boundaries and expectations and their significance with the individual, and encourage their support and agreement

## Maintain and review agreed boundaries and expectations of behaviour

#### You must be able to:

- P6 identify examples of positive aspects of behaviour that correspond to agreed expectations as they occur, and explain these in a manner which the individual is likely to understand
- P7 provide positive reinforcement in such a way as to encourage the repetition of positive behaviour
- P8 correctly identify behaviour that exceeds agreed boundaries and take constructive action to minimise it
- P9 request an appropriate level of support when maintaining boundaries becomes difficult
- P10 make interventions that are consistent with the assessment of individual needs and risks involved, in line with agreed procedures and policies
- P11 take prompt action when necessary to protect yourself and others, and you summon further assistance as soon as practicable
- P12 take constructive action to defuse behaviour that threatens others
- P13 record accurately incidents of behaviour exceeding agreed boundaries

#### Assist people to develop greater control over their behaviour

#### You must be able to:

- P14 develop possible explanations about the individual's behaviour and the risk which this causes and test these against research, theory and practice
- P15 encourage the individual to accept responsibility for their behaviour, to acknowledge the impact it has on others and to face up to the consequences
- P16 assist the individual to explore and adopt positive alternatives
- P17 encourage the individual to identify factors contributing to their behaviour patterns

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- P18 take active steps to review these factors and identify appropriate sources of support
- P19 accurately assess the needs of victims of difficult, dangerous or criminal behaviour and make realistic plans as to how they will be met

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## Knowledge and understanding

## You need to know and understand:

- K1 research on methods of working with people whose behaviour creates difficulties, and the outcomes
- K2 theories on the causes and origins of violence and aggression
- K3 approaches to engaging reluctant, aggressive and withdrawn individuals
- K4 the impact of adverse behaviour on self and others
- K5 methods of challenging behaviour that creates risk, and research on their outcomes
- K6 techniques and resources to promote learning and alternative behaviour, monitoring change and the participation of individuals and carers in planning and evaluation
- K7 theories of behaviour and learning
- K8 group processes and peer support and development
- K9 statistics on the incidence of violence, aggression, depression and social isolation among different client groups
- K10 maintaining and reviewing boundaries and expectations of behaviours
- K11 methods of planning and providing feedback
- K12 negotiation methods and skills
- K13 identification of conflict and skills in conciliation
- K14 the rights and responsibilities of individuals
- K15 methods of setting up boundaries and exercising control, and their effectiveness with different client groups
- K16 reporting and recording systems for organisations, courts and allied organisations
- K17 support needs of workers
- K18 the range of support and advocacy services available to individuals whose behaviour causes concern
- K19 the impact of individual and structural discrimination on identity, and approaches to increase options and promote positive identity
- K20 research and outcomes of intervention and support aimed to reduce risk, and the need to enhance coping skills in different contexts
- K21 explanations of non-conforming behaviour and research into different forms of intervention or non-intervention, relating to
  - K21.1 criminal behaviour and re-offending
  - K21.2 sexual, physical and racial abuse
  - K21.3 self-harm and suicide
  - K21.4 anti-social behaviour
  - K21.5 mental health
- K22 how different factors contribute to behaviour, including
  - K22.1 past history
  - K22.2 stress factors
  - K22.3 lack of understanding of information

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- K22.4 dysfunctional coping mechanisms *f*
- K22.5 prejudice and stereotyping
- K23 current policies on types of behaviour and groups that present a social risk
- K24 group work, peer learning and self-help
- K25 the rights and responsibilities of individuals and groups

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