

VIOLENCE RISK ASSESSMENT: NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR PRACTICE

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Lecture Theatre 175, School of Law, University of Edinburgh,
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18:00–20:00. Monday 2 April 2012



Mark Ramm will outline the methods by which violence risk assessment is carried out within the rapidly developing Scottish context.

Drawing from his own professional experiences, various problematic issues and dilemmas will be explored.

You may count this towards your CPD as required by the Law Society of Scotland. Event may be included on Social Workers' PRTL forms.



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Mark Ramm is a Consultant Forensic Psychologist and Head of Psychology for the Forensic mental health services in NHS Lothian. He has previously worked within the Scottish Prison Service, at the high security State Hospital Carstairs, and has been seconded to the Scottish Government. He is heavily involved in the application of Cognitive Analytic Therapy to forensic settings and his research activities have included the assessment and treatment of anger. He has published in various peer reviewed journals and books, while delivering papers in many national and international conferences. He is an RMA accredited risk assessment trainer and is involved in training and supervising staff from a range of professional backgrounds in the theory and practice of violence risk assessment. As an "Accredited Risk Assessor" he routinely produces violence risk assessments for the High Court.

Please note this lecture is free of charge and will start at 6pm sharp.

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We believe it is time for criminal justice policy and systems to take a different direction, a direction with much more reliance on effective community approaches to reducing crime and dealing with criminality. A direction with much greater chance of success in reducing crime.

Whilst still committed to Penal Reform — the improvement of Prison conditions and the promotion of rehabilitation — the Howard League Scotland is convinced that a steady reduction in the numbers of people committed to prison is essential and achievable. Howard League Scotland members have extensive experience across all aspects of the criminal justice system in Scotland. They have no rosy-eyed view either of the effects of crime nor of the nature of criminality, even in its most drastic forms. HLS shares these views with many others, not just in Scotland but across the UK. In pursuit of these aims we work closely with our sister organisation — the Howard League for England and Wales.

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