

# Understanding Psychopathy and its Assessment Training using the Psychopathy Checklist (PCL-R: 2nd Edition)

## Two day training programme

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10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> April 2012

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**About the training:** The training focuses on the understanding of psychopathy, along with its assessment and scoring, using the Hare Psychopathy Checklist (PCL-R, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition). Training will comprise case material and the scoring of clinical video/s. The training aims to provide a broad outline of the assessment, management and understanding of psychopathy focusing on the following:

- Conceptualisations and theories of psychopathy;
- Distinguishing psychopathy from personality disorder;
- Linking psychopathy to risk;
- Maximising therapeutic engagement;
- Background to the development of the PCL-R;
- Structure and content of the PCL-R;
- Observing and scoring clinical interviews for the PCL-R;
- Effective use of the PCL-R: Ethical considerations.

The core aim of the training is to ensure that delegates feel confident when assessing for psychopathy using the PCL-R, and obtain an enhanced understanding of psychopathy and the issues that this poses. All attendees will be provided with a certificate indicating proof of attendance which can be submitted as proof of Continuing Professional Development [CPD]. It should be noted that this training provides the first step in using the PCL-R. It is recommended that, post training, clinicians complete five to ten practise assessments, and achieve acceptable levels of inter-rater reliability, before they use the PCL-R for psychodiagnostic purposes.

**Who can attend:** The administration and scoring of the PCL-R is carefully controlled. The course is therefore available for Psychiatrists and for Chartered Psychologists (who are registered with the Health Professions Council). Chartered Psychologists who wish to complete this training must be a full member of an applied Division, specifically Clinical or Forensic Psychology. Delegates must provide their BPS membership number in order to verify this and to have their place confirmed. **Please note that psychologists in training can attend the event, although any later use of the PCL-R should be completed in accordance to the manual guidelines (and in agreement with any organisational policies which may be in place), and under close supervision of a Chartered Psychologist who has extensive expertise in the use of the PCL-R. Such psychologists in training must also provide their BPS membership number.**

◆ **About the trainers:** The trainers are **Professor Jane L. Ireland P.hD** and **Dr Carol A Ireland**. Both are Registered Practicing Forensic Psychologists and Chartered Scientists. Collectively they have over thirty years of experience of psychological practice. Both have considerable experience of working with and assessing personality disorder and clinical psychopathy, including holding senior positions within a high secure forensic facility which specialises in these disorders.

◆ **Training Venue:** The workshop will take place at Ashworth High Secure Hospital, specifically in the training suite (Indigo Centre, F1). This is based in Maghull, near Liverpool, and is easy to reach from the M6 (junction 26) and then M58 (junction 1).

**The workshop will start each day at 9.30am and will aim to finish no later than 4.30pm.**

◆ **Cost:** The fee is £450 per delegate for both days. This is a non-residential programme which includes provision of lunch, handouts, reading material/articles and CPD certificate. Due to heavy demand, there are limited places on this course.

◆ **Bookings:** To book a place, please complete the slip below. An invoice will then be provided. Only on receipt of payment can a place be secured<sup>1</sup>. Please note that a refund for any places secured can only be given before the **10<sup>th</sup> March 2012**.

◆ **PCL-R Manual:** We recommend that attendees purchase a PCL-R complete kit from Pearson Assessment. Access to this is a core requirement following the training. If required, these can be ordered via: [www.psychcorp.co.uk](http://www.psychcorp.co.uk). A complete kit costs approximately £290.50. Attendees can share a kit but we would recommend no more than two sharing.

◆ **Further information:** If you would like any further information, please contact Professor Jane L. Ireland on e-mail [JLIreland1@uclan.ac.uk](mailto:JLIreland1@uclan.ac.uk) and/or leave a message on 0709 230 8066.

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**BOOKING SLIP:** Training: Psychopathy training 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> April 2012

Name of Delegate (Block Capitals): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you attending in order to:                      Diagnose                      CPD                      BOTH

BPS number: \_\_\_\_\_ or RCP No: \_\_\_\_\_

Address and contact details of delegate (Block Capitals):

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Telephone contact/s: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail contact/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address to which invoice is to be sent:

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Please complete and return this slip by post to:  
Paragon Psychological Services  
PO Box 571, Chorley, PR6 6FD<sup>1</sup>.

Or email the required information to: [JLIreland1@uclan.ac.uk](mailto:JLIreland1@uclan.ac.uk)

<sup>1</sup>NB: Purchasing orders from services can be sent in order to secure places on the training event.

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