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Body Integrity Identity Disorder

An Australian colleague is looking for BIID expertise in the UK.

Response one cites 2 specialists in this field:

1. David Veale at SLAM Mental Health Trust and the Priory Hospital North London <http://www.veale.co.uk/>
2. South West London & St George's Mental Health NHS Trust OCD/BDD National Service <https://www.swlstg.nhs.uk/our-services/find-a-service/service/ocd-bdd-service-national>

Response two cites a doctor in Livingston who works with burns/plastics and deals with the aftermath of attempted self-amputations. This clinician recently helped someone with severe obsessive compulsive disorder abandon preparations for self-amputating her arm for fear that it was contaminated; which made him wonder how many of such experiences have an obsessional origin.

Response three recalls that a few years ago there was a flurry of press interest here when it emerged a surgeon was amputating and claiming excellent outcomes <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1127127/>

As well as the quasi-psychotic there's a sexual variant <http://www.enhancetheuk.org/pretenders-devotees-wannabes/> and he recalls reading a couple of case studies of disabled people being harassed on line. Response four - From time to time in liaison you see people asking for amputation but it's usually because they are preoccupied with abnormality, or have regional pain syndrome. Still, you wonder again about the overlap, so a sort of quasi-somatoform. This clinician did not identify the condition with OCD; but admits that 'one sees so few and always referral biased by the service you work in that it's difficult to see patterns'.

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