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Assessing Internet Sex Offenders

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There has been a wide range of research relating to men who use the internet to view, download and distribute child abuse images. This relates to recidivism and crossover rates (between contact and non contact offenders), typologies and dynamic risk factors characteristic of this population. Practice models have also been proposed. This presentation will critically review the research and proposed models and make suggestions about practical implication for assessment. Risk thresholds will be discussed particularly in relation to child protection cases where the assessment question is "when is low risk low enough?" The presentation will be a mixture of didactic input and case discussion.

Learning Goals:

- Understand key messages from research
- Examine how these inform risk assessments
- Discuss how information will be gathered to inform which dynamic risk factors are relevant.

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