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Instructions for Candidates

Scenario

You have been asked by the courts to see Ralph Liddle, a 32-year-old man who has been charged with indecent assault. He has no previous psychiatric history.

Instructions

Ask him relevant questions to assess the risk of future offending. **Do not conduct a mental state examination.**

PLEASE REMEMBER TO HAND YOUR IDENTITY LABEL TO THE EXAMINER

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History Taking: Risk Assessment – Sexual Offence

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Instructions for Patients

Answer questions based on the following scenario.

Do not volunteer information unless asked.

This station tests the candidate's ability to take a history from a patient, in this case relating to a specific offence, and the risk of future offending behaviour.

You are Ralph Liddle, a 32-year-old man charged with indecent assault.

Key Attributes

You come across as being quite detached, and can't really see what you did wrong. You are willing to talk to a psychiatrist initially, but during the interview you become hostile, guarded, and irritable.

Key Dialogue

- You have been charged with sexual assault where, at 'Champers', a local club. You exposed your erect penis, and molested (tried to pull up her skirt, and touched her breasts) a 17-year-old girl.
- You did not know the girl.
- You had been drinking with friends and had had 4-6 pints of beer.

Personal History

- You do not have a steady girlfriend, and most of your relationships have only lasted a couple of months. If asked, you are into rough sex, and this has caused problems in the past.
- You have a child to a one-night-stand, but have little contact with the mother or child.
- You spend a lot of time hanging out with your mates at a video store that specialises in adult (hardcore) films. You also use pornography extensively. You admit to a preference for hardcore bondage films, and have contacts to get them for you.
- You work part-time in a garage.
- You drink 3-4 nights a week, sometimes in a pub, but frequently around friends' houses where you consume 2-3 bottles of cider each night. You frequently smoke cannabis, spending about £20 a week. In the past, you have tried speed and ecstasy.
- You have little contact with your family, and your friends are associates rather than close relationships.
- You have always been reluctant to trust people, and you often fall out with your friends. You don't have a large number of friends, and most of them share a similar lifestyle.

Previous Forensic History

Your previous forensic history includes:

- 2 previous charges of indecent assault
- 8 charges of breach of the peace
- 6 charges for assault. Your first offence was at the age of 15 for a sexually motivated assault of a 13-year-old girl at school – you were expelled for this, but not convicted.
- Your most recent conviction was for assault, 4 months ago. You have served 3 months in prison.

Mental State

- Currently, you have little regret for your actions since you felt that she was leading you on and was “up for it”.
- You are angry that she has gone to the police and believe that she shouldn’t have been dressed the way she was if she didn’t want ‘it’.
- You have no psychotic symptoms, and you have never experienced hallucinations.
- You are not paranoid, although you believe that the police have always been out to “fit you up”.

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Instructions for Examiners

***REMEMBER TO ASK THE STUDENT FOR THEIR IDENTITY LABEL AND
AFFIX IT TO THE TOP OF THE MARK SHEET.***

This is a station which tests:

1. The candidate's knowledge of risk factors associated with reoffending for a sexual offence.
2. Skills in rapidly establishing trust and rapport.
3. Ability in asking sensitive questions from a potentially hostile interviewee.

The candidate is not expected to do a detailed mental state examination.

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Examiner's Name:

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Marking Sheet

Please circle the appropriate mark for each criterion. The standard expected is that of a psychiatric Senior House Officer.

Criterion	Performed competently	Performed, but not fully competent	Not performed		
Approach to the patient – Rapport, empathy, and style	2	1	0		
Index Offence (1/2 point for each, to a maximum of 3 points):					
• Location	½		0		
• Victim/ other people involved	½		0		
• Timing	½		0		
• Asks about triggers	½		0		
• Intoxicated at time of offence	½		0		
• Relationship to victim	½		0		
• Lack of provocation?	½		0		
Personal History (1 point for each, up to a maximum of 4 points):					
• Alcohol and drug misuse	1	½	0		
• Social difficulties, e.g. homelessness, unemployment	1	½	0		
• Lack of social support	1	½	0		
• Likelihood of same precipitants occurring again (i.e. can patient change their circumstances or avoid previous triggers?)	1	½	0		
• Lifestyle congruent with sexual deviance	1	½	0		
Static, fixed predictors (1 point for each, to a maximum of 3):					
• Previous forensic history, especially sexual offences.	1	½	0		
• Juvenile sexual offences.	1	½	0		
• Poor engagement with previous treatments (low motivation; denial)	1	½	0		
Static, dynamic predictors (one point for each, to a maximum of 4):					
• Deviant sexual practises	1	½	0		
• Lack of guilt or remorse	1	½	0		
• Low victim empathy	1	½	0		
• Feelings of ‘entitlement’	1	½	0		
• Deviant sexual practises, and paraphilias	1	½	0		
Overall Approach to Task	4	3	2	1	0
Score (Max 20)					
Overall Grading of station	Clear Pass		Borderline		Clear Fail