

Working therapeutically with internet offenders in criminal justice proceedings

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Evaluation of the clients' experiences of the Safer Lives Programme.

“...Participants’ accounts suggest that their locus of control shifted and was more internally oriented as a result of engagement with Safer Lives. This was linked by participants to their ability to desist and the majority described accessing further support to address their risk behaviours as a direct result of engaging with Safer Lives. Overall, engagement with Safer Lives was experienced as pivotal to reduce suicidality and desistance for this group.”

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Who are Safer Lives?

- Independent agency – funded by clients
- Former Probation Officers
- Work with (mostly) online sexual behaviours
 - To prevent suicide
 - To reduce re-offending
 - To protect children and families
- Work with clients pre-conviction
- UK wide – based in Leeds.



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“Besides motivating to change, an individual needs a logical, believable, and respectable story about who (s)he is, to allow for desistance and to make desistance a necessity.”

Shadd Maruna, Making Good 2001.

Know your audience

Simon is....

Father

Son

Husband

Paramedic

Friend

Home-owner

'A good laugh'

Honest

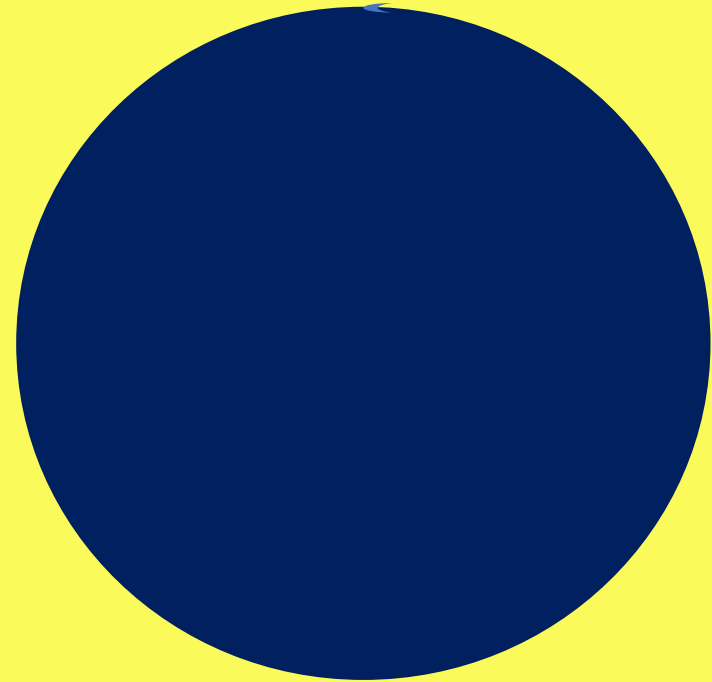
Trustworthy

Lonely

Goes 'the extra mile'

Proud

Cared for - respected



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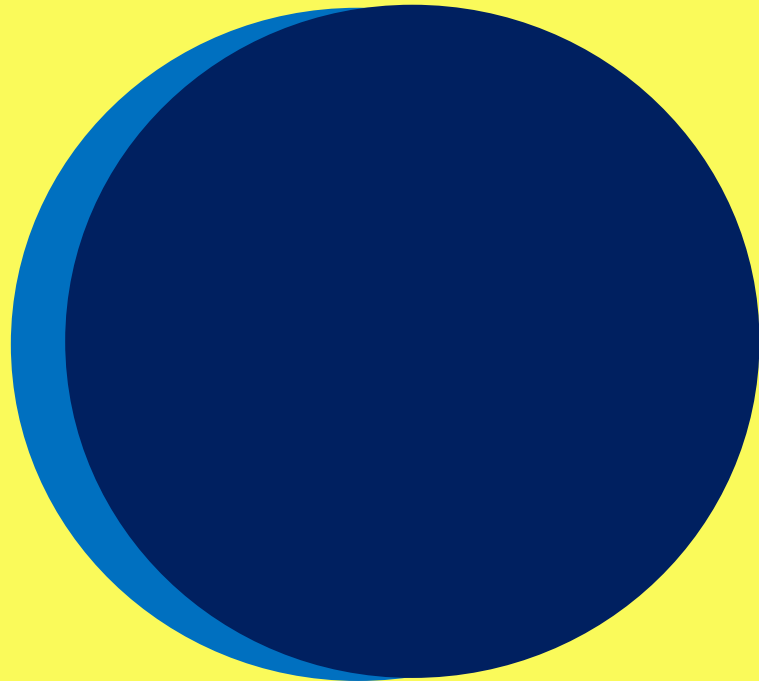
Lonely

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Wondering who he is



**Paedophile
Dangerous**

**An unknown
threat**

**The Simon we
thought we
knew**

A possible future

Father

Son

Husband

Friend

Honest

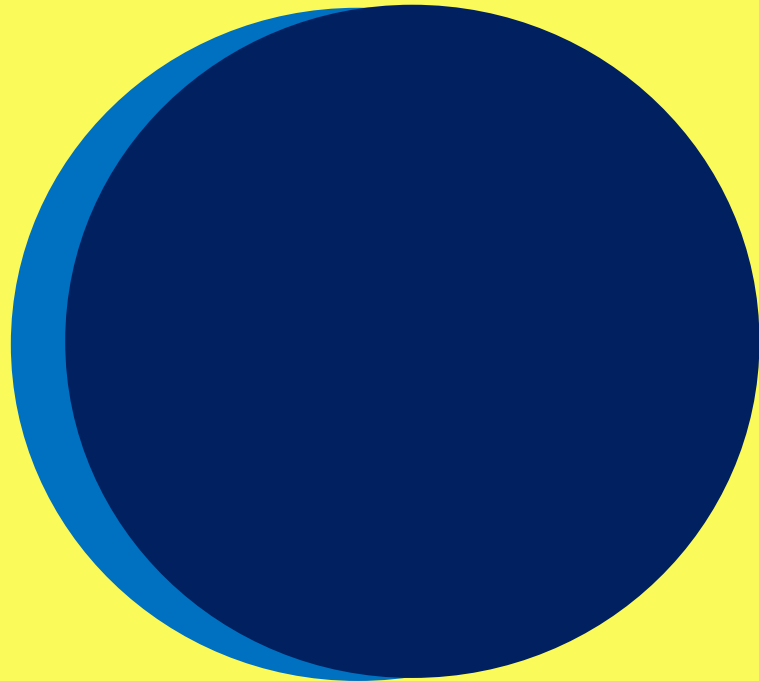
Working

Cared for

At ease with himself

Accountable

Supported



How do we get there?

“...I'd say to be valued and respected still as a person, a human. The action is bad, that doesn't mean the person is bad.

And to hear that people get over it, there are ways to manage, to move away, ways to feel 'normal' whatever that means, but we all know what it feels like to feel different....”

“...you are instantly judged by others who will decide what and who you are. If I had known of the availability of someone to speak to in confidence, without judgement, who could help explain to me why my behaviour may end up this way prior to Police involvement, then I would without doubt have taken that option...”

“...If I could have spoken to someone who had actually gone through the process of viewing images and had since come out the other side successfully would have been a great benefit...”

Before we meet them

When they arrive

How we work with clients

Moving on Managing endings