

SEX AND INTIMACY IN COUPLE RELATIONSHIPS

A one day workshop for social workers and counsellors working with adoption.

The workshop will explore the purpose and value of addressing the role of intimacy and the sexual life of adoptive couples. It will focus on how the professional can assess, or assist the couple where infertility and loss may be a major feature.

Factors to be considered as playing a part in the liveliness or deadening of desire and reciprocity will include: psychological; biological; medical; educational and cultural. Trainers will use the '5 Ps' model of psychological formulation as a structure for identifying strengths and vulnerabilities in the relationship: presenting difficulties; precipitating factors; predisposing factors; perpetuating factors and protective factors. However there will also be the opportunity to reflect with each other on the anxieties the professional faces when relating to the couple as a potentially creative and potent pair, and where it is possible for losses to be faced, understood and addressed.

There will be a discursive and reflective element to the workshop for enabling professionals to identify their own inhibitions and barriers in discussing intimate areas of relating and how to facilitate this in a therapeutic context.

DATE: FRIDAY 3RD MAY - 10.00AM -3.30PM

VENUE: THE OPEN DOOR, LEWES

TRAINERS:

**MARCUS PAGE (GROUP ANALYST AND COUPLES PSYCHOTHERAPIST)
AND**

**ALISON ROY (CONSULTANT CHILD AND ADOLSCENT PSYCHOTHERAPIST
SPECIALISING IN ADOPTION)**

Cost - £95 per person

**To book a place, email: marcuspage101@gmail.com
(20 places maximum)**