

## Investigation and Management of Adult Sexual Assault Course – Subject Areas and Learning Outcomes

### 1. Policy and Procedural requirements

This subject area introduces participants to the essential requirements involved in the investigation and management of adult sexual assault as well as policy and procedural requirements.

*Delivered by: Principle Tutor - SOPS*

At the end of this subject area participants should be able to:

- 1.1 Demonstrate a sound knowledge of the history and nature of sexual abuse
- 1.2 Display a sound knowledge of the indicators and effects of sexual assault
- 1.3 Identify policies, procedures and Standing Operating Procedures that recognise the results of an adult victim of sexual assault

### 2. Victim Care

This subject area introduces participants to the essential requirements involved in the investigation and management of adult sexual assault from the perspective of victim care.

*Delivered by: Principal Tutor- SOPS, Survivor x 2, Sexual Assault Counsellors, Medical Examinations*

At the end of this subject area participants should be able to:

- 2.1 Respond appropriately to victims of sexual assault
- 2.2 Respond appropriately to victims with special requirements
- 2.3 Respond appropriately to the needs of victims.

### 3. Conflicts between victim's needs/rights and the investigation process

This subject area looks at conflicts that arise between victims needs and rights and the investigation process.

*Delivered by: Principal Tutor - SOPS, Principal Tutor-Statements, Survivor x 2, Sexual Assault Counsellors.*

At the end of this subject area participants should be able to:

- 3.1 Identify relevant conflicts and explain how these were managed during the investigation

3.2 Corroborate/confirm the victim's version of events throughout the investigation

3.3 Establish that victim was not consenting or offender was reckless in obtaining consent from the victim

#### **4. Interagency Consultation**

This subject area introduces participants to the essential requirements involved in the investigation and management of adult sexual assault in so far as the need to engage in interagency consultation is required.

*Delivered by: NSW Health and ODPP*

At the end of this subject area participants should be able to:

4.1 Identify and utilise external and internal support services

4.2 Develop and maintain professional networks

4.3 Understand functions of other agencies

#### **5. Sex Offender Behaviour**

This subject area introduces participants to the essential requirements involved in the investigation and management of adult sexual assault in so far as sex offender behaviour is identified.

*Delivered by: Behaviour Advice on Sexual Assaults – Forensic Psychologist (Det Sgt Hales)*

By the end of the subject area participants should be able to:

5.1 Utilise and analyse intelligence data to determine offenders characteristics and modus operandi

5.2 Identify common techniques of deception used by sex offenders

5.3 Identify prevention strategies from analysing previous data collected about modus operandi and deception techniques of sex offenders

#### **6. Managing Crime Scenes**

This subject area introduces participants to appropriate crime scene management in the investigation and management of adult sexual assault.

*Delivered by: Principal Tutor- SOPS, FSG and FASS Presentation.*

By the end of this subject area participants should be

able to:

- 6.1 Conduct assessments of Crime Scenes
- 6.2 Control Crime Scenes
- 6.3 Initiate and coordinate Crime Scene investigations

## **7. Assessment and Management of physical evidence associated with the crime scenes of adult sexual assault (victim, scene, suspect)**

This subject area covers the essential requirements involved in the investigation and management of adult sexual assault in so far as appropriate physical evidence management is required. This subject is a direct partner to subject area six (6).

*Delivered by: Principal Tutor- SOPS, FSG and FASS Presentation and Medical Examinations*

By the end of this subject area, participants should be able to:

- 7.1 Identify forensic gathering procedures
- 7.2 Identify relevant policies and procedures when dealing with forensic evidence
- 7.3 Demonstrate an understanding of individual agencies' area of expertise and how they relate to the investigation

## **8. Managing Investigations**

The aim of this subject area is to introduce participants to the essential requirements involved in the investigation and management of adult sexual assault and to properly managing an investigation of this type.

*Delivered by: Principal Tutor - SOPS*

By the end of this subject area, participants should be able to:

- 8.1 Plan sexual assault investigations
- 8.2 Prepare documentation to support the investigation
- 8.3 Identify, use and coordinate resources
- 8.4 Review sexual assault investigations.

## **9. Conducting an Investigation**

This subject area is a partner subject to subject eight (8) and introduces the participant to the essential requirements involved in conducting a sexual assault investigation.

*Delivered by: Principal Tutor- SOPS.*

By the end of this subject area participants should be able to:

- 9.1 Maintain and evaluate operational direction
- 9.2 Collect and analyse information relevant to sexual assault investigations
- 9.3 Seize, process and manage exhibits
- 9.4 Identify and investigate subjects and suspects
- 9.5 Develop subject profiles
- 9.6 Implement responses to sexual assault investigations.

### **10. Conducting Interviews**

This subject area examines the conduct of an interview with either a victim or offender of sexual assault.

*Delivered by: Principal Tutor – Statements*

By the end of this subject area participants should be able to:

- 10.1 Formulate interview plans
- 10.2 Interview people in accordance with legislative policy and requirements
- 10.3 Record interviews.

### **11. Preparing a brief of evidence**

The aim of this subject area is to introduce participants to the essential requirements involved in the investigation and management of adult sexual assault in so far as preparing a brief of evidence with particular attention to the sensitive evidence provisions of the legislation.

*Delivered by: Principal Tutor – Statements and ODPP.*

By the end of this subject area participants should be able to:

- 11.1 Understand the judicial process
- 11.2 Identify deficiencies in the brief of evidence
- 11.3 Prepare documentation for a brief of evidence
- 11.4 Present a brief of evidence to relevant authorities

### **12. Legislative requirements relevant to the**

**investigation and management of adult sexual assault.**

This subject area introduces participants to the essential requirements involved in the investigation and management of adult sexual assault in so far as the legislative requirements (both historic and contemporary) are concerned.

*Delivered by: Principal Tutor – Legislation and ODPP*

By the end of this subject area participants should be able to:

- 12.1 Identify appropriate offences committed
- 12.2 Nominate relevant sections and subsections of legislation during the investigation of adult sexual assault