Intensive Interaction Training

Training for people who care for, or support people with, severe or profound learning disabilities and/or autism

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Introduction

Intensive Interaction is a practical approach to improving the social communication and social engagement of people with severe or profound learning disabilities and/or autism. You can read more about this on our website and in our introductory guide – visit www.leedsandyorkpft.nhs.uk/intensive-interaction

Training and support

The Leeds Intensive Interaction Project provides the following training and support packages for individuals, teams, services or organisations.

**An introductory Intensive Interaction 2 hour presentation**

For a small or medium sized group (e.g. 6-25)
Expected learning outcomes: A brief overview of the Intensive Interaction approach, its associated strategies, expected outcomes, and who it is for.
Cost: £275*

**An introductory half-day Intensive Interaction presentation**

For a medium sized or larger group (e.g. 12-25)
Expected learning outcomes: A brief overview of the approach and who it is for, with illustrations of a number of video case studies, and active learning activities to develop a broader understanding of the practical application of Intensive Interaction.
Cost: £385*

**An introductory 1 day presentation on Intensive Interaction**

For a medium sized or larger group (e.g. 12-25)
Expected learning outcomes: This course includes active learning activities and group work, and gives a broad overview of Intensive Interaction and its associated strategies (including some background context and history). This day also links the practice of Intensive Interaction to the currently available research evidence, and gives guidance on some important management issues e.g. recording and videoing.
Cost: £715*
The Intensive Interaction foundation modular training programme (3 days)

For a medium sized group (e.g. 12-20)

The Intensive Interaction foundation modular training programme comprises three full day modules, usually set one month apart. This comprehensive training package combines experiential learning, video analysis and group discussions to introduce the broad rationale and practical techniques of the approach.

The three modules are:

1. Module 1: an introduction to Intensive Interaction
2. Module 2: Intensive Interaction analysis and practice development
3. Module 3: using Intensive Interaction recording systems to support good practice

Expected learning outcomes: Through the use of a number of collaborative learning activities, the trainees who attend all three days (and complete the course work) will:

- Acquire a basic understanding of the rationale, methodology and techniques of Intensive Interaction as it is used across a number of different cases
- Experience communication scenarios to stimulate reflection on the difficulties experienced by some people with a social or communication impairment
- Acquire a basic understanding of a developmental model of communication, and knowledge of the potential beneficial outcomes of Intensive Interaction
- Be able to reflect on their own observational and interactive practices, and start to analyse the Intensive Interaction practices of others
- Acquire knowledge of a collaborative method for developing a person’s interactive ‘strengths’ through addressing their interactive ‘needs’
- Have opportunities to consider different recording systems that support the use of Intensive Interaction e.g. video and paper-based

Cost: £2,145*

* Any accommodation, learning and teaching space, and refreshments to be provided by the host organisation. Additional travelling costs may be charged if long distances and/or any overnight accommodation is required.
Introducing your trainer: Graham Firth

Graham is an Intensive Interaction Highly Specialist Practitioner based at Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, and a Founding Director of the Intensive Interaction Institute.

Working since 1984 in both the residential care and the education of people with learning disabilities, Graham became the Intensive Interaction Project Leader for the Trust in 2003. He continues to provide consultancy and training packages to support others to adopt, develop and sustain their Intensive Interaction practices or services.

Graham has lectured widely across the UK and internationally, has written a number of books on Intensive Interaction, and has published widely about both the theory and practical application of Intensive Interaction.

He was also one of the founding directors of the Intensive Interaction Institute, edits the UK Intensive Interaction Newsletter, and organises the annual UK Intensive Interaction conference.

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If you require any clarification or further details on any of the offered training, or wish to discuss a bespoke training package, then please contact:

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