

SEMI-STRUCTURED INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

Date -----
Amount of interviews -----
Duration of interview(s) -----
Prison / Institution -----

BIOGRAPHIC DETAILS

Name
Age
Ethnic group
Marital status
Dependants / children
Health issues
Accommodation (type, neighbourhood, renting, owner of property)
Socio-economic status
Religion
Political orientation
Sexual orientation

FAMILY BACKGROUND

Father

Name
Age
Highest qualification
Occupation
Employment / unemployment history
Criminal record
Substance abuse
Alive / deceased

Mother

Name

Age

Highest qualification

Occupation

Employment / unemployment history

Criminal record

Substance abuse

Alive / deceased

Type of marriage (legal or customary)

Marital relationship (spousal abuse, conflict, divorce, separated, death)

Siblings

Sibling outlay: Brothers, sisters, stepbrothers and stepsisters

Age of siblings

Highest qualifications

Type of relationship between offender and sibling(s)

Criminal record

Substance abuse

MARITAL AND INTIMATE RELATIONSHIPS

Name of partner

Age

Ethnic group

Highest qualification

Occupation

Employment record

Criminal history

Substance abuse

Spousal abuse

Conflict and marital discord

Communication problems

Custody of children

Relationship with children

EDUCATION AND SCHOOL EXPERIENCES

Highest qualification

Completed courses

Diplomas

Degrees

Reading, writing and numeracy skills

Primary school

Hobbies

Participation in sport

Sport achievements

Academic achievement

Leadership positions

Relationship with peers

Relationship with teachers

Truancy

Criminal and/or antisocial involvement

Antisocial / criminal peers

Cult involvement

Substance abuse

School failure

Learning problems

Attendance of a special school

Expelled from school

Secondary school

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DEVELOPMENTAL HISTORY

Childhood abuse (emotional, physical, sexual, neglect)

Attachment to parents

Parent-child relationships

Child-rearing practices (type of care)

Foster care

Discipline style

Parental supervision

Childhood exposure to violence and aggressive behaviour

Cruelty to animals

EMPLOYMENT

Employment history / record

Type and/or area of employment

Relationship with fellow workers

Relationship with manager and/or people in authority

Performance problems

Absence from work and reasons for this

Termination of service and reasons for this

Unemployment history

CRIMINAL HISTORY

Present conviction

Length of sentence

Admission date

Prior convictions
Age at first conviction
Types of crimes committed
Prior arrests that resulted in non-conviction
Time between arrests
Motive(s)
Modus operandi
Causes
Triggers
Parole and/or probation violations
Escape and/or attempted escape
Disciplinary hearings (while incarcerated)
History of antisocial or deviant sexual behaviour
Sexual preferences
Sexual preoccupations
Deviant sexual arousal patterns
Paraphilias
Sexual and/or violent fantasies
Sadistic tendencies
High-risk situations

OFFENCE ANALYSIS

Planning of offence
Grooming of victims
Nature of crime committed
Use of force, coercion and brutality
Use of a weapon
Influence of substances
Type of harm caused to the victim
Motive(s)
Modus operandi
Causes
Triggers

VICTIM CHARACTERISTICS

Gender of victim(s)

Age of victim(s)

Number of victims

Relationship to victim(s)

SUPPORT STRUCTURE

Contact with parents

Contact with siblings

Contact with wife and/or partner

Contact with children

Contact with law-abiding friends

Contact with other family members

FINANCIAL

Problems

Source of income

COMPANIONS / ASSOCIATIONS

Social isolation

Number of friends

Cult involvement

Gang involvement

Criminal friends

Law-abiding friends

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Current alcohol addiction

Prior alcohol addiction

Current drug addiction

Prior drug addiction

Types of drugs

Drug smuggling

In possession of substances

Medical problems due to substance abuse

LEISURE AND RECREATION

Involvement in sport in prison

Hobbies

Studies

Committees

COGNITIVE FUNCTIONING

Intelligence estimation

Suicide thoughts / suicide attempts

Level of adaptation

Emotional distress

Anxiety

Impulse control

Self-management strategies

Assertiveness

Self-esteem

Victim empathy

Insight into behaviour

Level of responsibility

Rationalisation, justification, minimalisation

Depression

Passivity and/or aggression

Communication skills

Problem-solving skills

Intimacy skills

Coping mechanisms

Gratification levels

Life stressors

Social skills

Fears

Attitude (authority, victim(s), society, family, partner, children and self)

Hostility and anger

Manipulative and/or predatory lifestyle
Previous personality diagnoses
History of mental illness
Narcissism
Indication of distorted attitudes and/or beliefs
Risk-taking and/or thrill-seeking behaviour
Short and long-term goals

PREVIOUS TREATMENT AND RESPONSIVITY

Programmes attended
Content of the programmes
Individual therapy and/or counselling
Prior psychiatric observation and/or treatment
Prior psychological treatment
Motivation to attend programmes