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# SPEAQ FORUM 2024

## Workshop: Assessing for Intervention with persons using DFSV

### WORKSHOP CONTENT

The assessment process for new clients serves a number of purposes and is foundational in shaping the intervention that follows. Since domestic, family and sexualised violence (DFSV) is generally patterned behaviour, understanding the client's behaviour patterns is a key aspect of assessment that can assist us to intervene more effectively.

We can consider pattern in numerous ways. Firstly, we can focus attention on the incident that brought a user of DFSV to the assessment and explore how many times they have engaged in the behaviour. Secondly, viewing DFSV as it relates to the person's own childhood experiences of violence. This generational patterning helps us to predict what future risk is in store. Thirdly, we can view patterned behaviour as a series of stepping stones towards much more serious harm towards others. In other words, how is this pattern changing through the course of the relationship.

A question for all of us engaging in intervention work is, "What's going on here, and how can we work most effectively?". In this workshop we will explore how:

- our assessment is crucial for identifying the touch points for intervention. No longer can we use a one size fits all approach given the diversity and complexity of those attending interventions.
- thorough assessment through exploring patterns of incidents, generational patterning, and stepping-stone patterns, allows us to be more thoughtful around where and how to intervene.
- identifying patterns allows users of violence to know what to focus upon during interventions.

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This interactive workshop will have value to a broad range of professionals who work with persons using Domestic, Family and Sexualised Violence, especially to assessors and facilitators of DFV behaviour change Intervention programs.

**Note: This is one of two workshops being offered as part of SPEAQ Forum 2024. A discount applies for attending both workshops and for groups of 8 or more. [Register](#).**

### EVENT INFORMATION

**Date:** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November

**Time:** 1 pm to 4:30 pm

**Venue:** voco Gold Coast, 31 Hamilton Avenue, Surfers Paradise, Gold Coast, QLD

Registration includes afternoon tea.

If you are doing both morning and afternoon workshops, lunch is available at nearby outlets.

### PRESENTER

*Ken McMaster, BSW, MSW (Hons), CQSW*  
Memberships: ANZASW, NZATD, MINT

*"I am passionate about best practice and enhancing the skill sets of people working with people. During the past forty years of practice, I have been privileged to work with diverse groups of people who want to make a difference to the wellbeing of others and create safer communities."*



Ken has over forty years' experience of intervention work with men who are violent and who sexually abuse. He is known for his innovative practice ideas and the ability to translate theory into practice. He has held positions as a member and Chair of the Ministerial Advisory Committee and the National Network of Stopping Violence Services/Te Kupenga Whakaoti Mahi Putanga, worked on Regulations for the Domestic Violence Act (1995) and was a member of the Domestic Violence Act Program Approvals Committee for the Ministry of Justice. He has worked as a part-time lecturer in Social Work at Canterbury University and is now involved full-time with Hall McMaster and Associates (HMA) as manager, writer of materials and principal trainer.

Ken McMaster has published two books and co-edited three titles on Domestic Violence and Offender Interventions. He consults and provides training regularly with Corrections departments and community organisations across Australia, Aotearoa / New Zealand and other countries. HMA offender programs and Family Violence intervention programs have been in use in correctional and community settings across Queensland and in other states for a number of years.

Read more about Ken and the work of HMA at [hma.co.nz](http://hma.co.nz).

### ABOUT SPEAQ

SPEAQ is Queensland's network of practitioners and services providing interventions with those who perpetrate Domestic and Family Violence. We've been around for over 30 years, supporting the work with men and with partners or family members affected by their abuse. Our network connects and supports practitioners, co-ordinators and managers across Queensland. SPEAQ is the collective voice representing practitioners and services in this field in Queensland and is actively involved in sector development and consultation with government. Read more at [www.speaq.org.au/about](http://www.speaq.org.au/about)

### Registration Cost:

- SPEAQ members: \$130
- Non-members: \$160

Register at [bit.ly/SPEAQForum2024Tickets](http://bit.ly/SPEAQForum2024Tickets)  
Registrations close Sunday 27/10/2024

*Note: The above link goes to registration for all events connected with SPEAQ Forum 2024. This training is being organised as a pre-conference workshop, however you are welcome to attend this workshop as a stand-alone training.*

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