Early Professional Development for Social Workers

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This is an excellent reference book for any social worker who is required to deal with matters of sex and sexuality in their every day practice.

The authors critically analyse existing UK policies and assess the most effective ways practitioners can provide intervention work with different services users including sexual abuse victims and victims of offenders. Issues around sex and sexuality is a sensitive and somewhat taboo subject and this is discussed very effectively using real life case scenarios as examples.

The book includes discussions of current and historical trends in sexual behaviour, biological understandings of sex and sexuality, development of sex and sexuality, the knowledge of the legal framework to promote better sexual health among different service user groups and settings, government guidelines on sexual wellbeing and the implications of these factors for social workers.

In particular the authors look at the role of the social worker in developing sexual well-being and safety issues among children and young people. There is also a chapter on the role of the social worker in promoting the sexual wellbeing of adults in vulnerable situations.

In short, this book provides clear and comprehensive coverage of current UK legislation and policies around issues of sex and sexuality. It is an excellent and unique source of reference for anyone working in any capacity within the health and social care field.

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