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**Comprehensive Assessment of Psychopathic Personality:
Symptom Rating Scale**



CLINICAL INTERVIEW, version 3

Name of Assessee

Identification Number

Location

Timeframe

Name of Rater

Date commenced

Date concluded

INTRODUCTION

This semi-structured clinical interview is designed to gather evidence relevant to the assessment of the symptoms of psychopathic personality in men and women living in a variety of settings (e.g., community, forensic psychiatric facilities, prisons).

Sources of Information

Information gathered in this interview should be used *in combination* with information from additional sources to make ratings of trait descriptive adjectives. Additional sources should include but not be limited to written information contained in clinical or institutional records, interviews with individuals to whom the client is well known (e.g., mental health practitioner, probation practitioner, prison officer, who has held such a role with the client for at least six months). Multiple sources of information must be sampled before this assessment is considered complete. This assessment should *not* be based on client self-report alone.

Ratings of Trait Descriptive Adjectives

Ratings of trait descriptive adjectives should be made on four-point scales measuring the extent to which the adjective is descriptive of the client you are rating. A rating of 0 means *Not at all descriptive*, 1 means *Somewhat descriptive*, 2 means *Moderately descriptive*, and 3 means *Very descriptive*. Anchor points for the ratings are given below.

- 0 *Not at all descriptive*: The adjective is not descriptive of the client. The client presents with features opposite to those suggested by this adjective.
- 1 *Somewhat descriptive*: The client may very occasionally or to a small degree present with the characteristics of this adjective. The adjective describes characteristics that are not typical of the client.
- 2 *Moderately descriptive*: The adjective is a good descriptor for the client – the characteristics it indicates are present to a moderate degree in the client much of the time.

- 3 *Very descriptive*: The meaning of the adjective is a very good match for the client being assessed – he or she presents with the features of the adjective most of the time.

Each item lists a number of possible illustrative indicators of each of the symptoms under examination. These illustrative indicators were identified by the CAPP authors and international experts on psychopathy and are intended as a guide only; there should be no relationship between simply the number of indicators present – or absent – and the interviewer’s final rating. Instead, final ratings of trait descriptive adjectives and, ultimately, of the 33 CAPP symptoms should be the structured clinical judgement of the interviewer. The illustrative indicators thought by the interviewer to be present and indicative of the symptom as it presents in the client may be used by the interviewer as descriptors in his or her final report on the outcome of the assessment in which a formulation is also provided.

Assessment Timescale

Ratings of how descriptive each trait is for the client you are rating is should be made for a period of time of your choice, the choice made being based on the purpose to which the findings of this assessment will be put. If the purpose of this assessment is to determine treatment needs and be a baseline assessment against which treatment-related change will eventually be measured, a short timescale should be selected (e.g., 6 months or 1 year). If this assessment is to be a contribution to a risk formulation, a longer period of time – possibly encapsulating a period of relevant harmful or offending behaviour – should be selected. The assessment timescale should be determined before the assessment begins and the timeline (see 2 directly below) should cover the period selected.

CAPP Assessment Procedure

1. Commence the assessment by introducing the CAPP and explaining its purpose and the use to which the findings of the assessment will be put. Inform the client about the information that will be sought from other sources and obtain his or her written consent to proceed.
2. Begin by agreeing the timescale of the assessment. Then with the client prepare a timeline on which key events over the selected period are noted on a sheet of A4 paper. Additional items may be added to the timeline as the interview progresses and the client remembers more about what happened to him or her during this

period. *The timeline should be placed between the interviewer and the client and remain there throughout the duration of the interview.* Its purpose is to act as a reminder to both the interviewer and the client about the period of time agreed, to ensure that ratings of trait descriptive adjectives are relevant to this period only.

3. Words in **RED** at the top of each of the 33 items of the CAPP interview are the symptoms to which trait descriptive adjectives relate. Symptoms should frame each of the CAPP items and should dictate the nature of the probes used by interviewers to elicit more information from – or about – the client.
4. Statements in **GREEN** are instructions for interviewers.
5. Statements or questions in *italics* are probes you *may* wish to use to elicit more information relevant to the symptom and traits being examined. Interviewers are free to generate additional probes in order to make the interview more natural and thorough so long as the probes used are in keeping with the symptom being examined. Interviewers are advised to use their discretion on how far to probe each question – if clients have provided more than enough evidence to rate an item, probes should be kept to a minimum in order not to prolong the interview or antagonise the client.
6. Attempt to rate trait descriptive adjectives as the interview progresses. Initial ratings will therefore be based on the client's self-report. Where the interviewer suspects – or knows – that the client's self-report does not reflect the opinions reported by others, mark such items with a D (for denied) at the time these items are rated during the interview.
7. Finalise ratings after the interview has concluded – use *all* information to generate final ratings (i.e., information from the client as well as information from collateral sources and information from records). Where information from collateral sources is at odds with the client's self-report, interview ratings reflecting client self-report should be over-ridden in favour of these other sources so long as the information from other sources is credible and reported by or in more than one source.

Once the CAPP Interview is Complete

Once the CAPP interview is complete and final ratings have been made of trait descriptive adjectives, the interviewer should use the **Symptom Rating Sheet** to make ratings of each of the 33 symptoms of psychopathic personality and to generate a formulation relevant to the purpose of the assessment.

SECTION 1:

Here and Now

READ VERBATIM: I want to start this interview by asking you some questions about the here and now – why you are in the circumstances you are in at this time. We will use the timeline we have just prepared to help us to keep our focus on what you are like *now and recently* [*SPECIFY THE TIME AGREED*]. If you have been different in the past, I would like you to tell me more about this as we go along and especially why you think you are different now.

1.

Domain

Symptom

S

S3

SENSE OF UNIQUENESS

- **First, describe to me the help you receive now.**
IF ANY HELP IS DESCRIBED: Tell me about it.
IF NOTHING: Why nothing?
 - **[IF APPLICABLE] What do you like about the help you receive? How does it help you? What do you *not* like about the help you receive?**
 - **[IF APPLICABLE] What do you hope to gain from this help? Do you think the help on offer really can help you?**
IF YES OR NO: Tell me about it.
 - **How well do you think the staff trying to help you understand what you are like and what you need? Does anyone?**
IF NO: Tell me about it.
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Illustrative Indicators

- Asks for help different from that offered to others because of special qualities
 - Suggests that no help is required because it is not being provided by knowledgeable enough practitioners
 - Requests and expects to be treated in a different way from people around them
 - Claims to have met or impressed or confounded an expert in the relevant (e.g., forensic) field
 - Enjoys talking about occasions in which they think they have got one over on a person who says they are an expert
 - States his or her moral code is superior to others or to the law
 - Tells unlikely stories that portray them in a very good light
 - Not embarrassed talking about achievements and abilities
 - Opts out of routine or mundane tasks, duties or obligations
 - Very high self-confidence
 - Expects that others will want to know them
 - *Other indicators of this symptom (please describe)*
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NOTES

Adjectival Descriptor Ratings

	Not at all Descriptive	Somewhat Descriptive	Moderately Descriptive	Very Descriptive
(Sense of being) Extraordinary	0	1	2	3
(Sense of being) Exceptional	0	1	2	3
(Sense of being) Special	0	1	2	3

2.

Domain

Symptom

S

S6

SELF-JUSTIFYING

- **Tell me how you have come to be in the position you are in now?**
DISCUSS
 - **Who or what is to blame for you being in this position?**
IF ANY: *What could you have done to have avoided the bad things that have happened to you? [IF PUNISHED] Was your punishment fair?*
 - **[IF APPLICABLE] What do you hope to gain from the help you are receiving now? Has it been useful so far? What do you still have to do?**
IF ANY: *Tell me about it. What has worked – or not worked?*
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Illustrative Indicators

- Minimises or denies their role in anything problematic that has happened to them or to others around them, despite evidence to the contrary
 - Minimises the significance of personal weaknesses or vulnerability factors
 - Presents him or herself in an overly favourable light and denies the need for change, despite evidence to the contrary
 - Minimises or denies responsibility for harmful or offending behaviour, despite evidence to the contrary
 - Denies responsibility for changing behaviours that appeared to precede episodes of harm or offending
 - *Other indicators of this symptom (please describe)*
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NOTES

Adjectival Descriptor Ratings

	Not at all Descriptive	Somewhat Descriptive	Moderately Descriptive	Very Descriptive
Minimising	0	1	2	3
Denying	0	1	2	3
Blaming	0	1	2	3

3.

Domain
B

Symptom
B1

LACKS PERSEVERANCE

- Tell me about the kinds of things you like to do in your own time?
DISCUSS
 - Are you quite an organised, tidy person – or are you a bit chaotic and untidy?
DISCUSS
 - How hard do you find it getting up in the mornings?
DISCUSS
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Illustrative Indicators

- Refuses or is reluctant to get up for work or other duties (e.g., family responsibilities)
 - Is untidy or has an untidy living area
 - 'Swings the lead' (shirks their responsibilities) at work or at home
 - Has poor general hygiene
 - Is a poor time keeper
 - Often fails to complete tasks started with enthusiasm
 - Half hearted attention to work and other tasks
 - Has to be prompted to carry out routine tasks
 - *Other indicators of this symptom (please describe)*
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NOTES

Adjectival Descriptor Ratings

	Not at all Descriptive	Somewhat Descriptive	Moderately Descriptive	Very Descriptive
Idle	0	1	2	3
Undisciplined	0	1	2	3
Unconscientious	0	1	2	3

4.

Domain

Symptom

E

E3

LACKS EMOTIONAL DEPTH

- **Tell me about what has made you happy during the [AGREED TIMESCALE].**
DISCUSS: *What happened to make you feel this way? Describe what this happiness felt like.*
 - **Tell me about what has made you unhappy during the same period of time.**
DISCUSS: *What happened to make you feel this way? Describe what this sadness felt like.*
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Illustrative Indicators

- Appears unemotional or stony
 - Emotional experiences appear short lived
 - Emotions appear shallow or superficial
 - Can describe extreme violence or neglect without any real or substantial emotion
 - *Other indicators of this symptom (please describe)*
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NOTES

Adjectival Descriptor Ratings

	Not at all Descriptive	Somewhat Descriptive	Moderately Descriptive	Very Descriptive
Unemotional	0	1	2	3
Indifferent	0	1	2	3
Inexpressive	0	1	2	3

5.

Domain
E

Symptom
E1

LACKS ANXIETY

- During the **[AGREED TIMESCALE]**, have been particularly nervous or anxious?
IF YES: Why? What has happened to make you feel this way? Are you usually like this?
IF NO: Do you usually take things in your stride? Have you always been like this? What about when you are in a really demanding or frightening or even dangerous situation, when others might have been anxious? What about when you are confronted or challenged by other people, including people in authority (e.g., police)?
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Illustrative Indicators

- Appears calm and relaxed
 - Mood is stable
 - Unafraid of others or challenging situations
 - Does not express worries or concerns
 - Not tense or jittery
 - Does not appear agitated or perturbed when confronted
 - Does not get wound up about anything
 - Immediately confident in new situations
 - Makes no attempt to avoid conflict
 - *Other indicators of this symptom (please describe)*
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NOTES

Adjectival Descriptor Ratings

	Not at all Descriptive	Somewhat Descriptive	Moderately Descriptive	Very Descriptive
Unconcerned	0	1	2	3
Unworried	0	1	2	3
Fearless	0	1	2	3

6.

Domain

Symptom

B

B4

RESTLESS

- **Would you say you are a very active person, always on the move or always busy?**
IF ACTIVE: *Have other people commented on this? What problems has this caused for you?*
DISCUSS
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Illustrative Indicators

- Always on the move
 - Cannot sit still
 - Uses many hand gestures
 - Fidgets a lot
 - Paces up and down
 - *Other indicators of this symptom (please describe)*
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NOTES

Adjectival Descriptor Ratings

	Not at all Descriptive	Somewhat Descriptive	Moderately Descriptive	Very Descriptive
Over-active	0	1	2	3
Fidgety	0	1	2	3
Energetic	0	1	2	3

SECTION 2:

GETTING ON WITH OTHERS

READ VERBATIM: I'd now like to ask you about how you get on with other people. Remember, just as before, we will be using the timeline we prepared earlier to help us to keep our focus on how you are *now and recently*. If you have been different in the past, I would like you to tell me more about this as we go along and especially why you think you are different now.

7.

Domain

Symptom

C

C3

INTOLERANT

- **Tell me about the people around you now. How do you get on with them?**
Tell me about it.

 - **In the last few months, have you fallen out with anyone? During that time, has anyone fallen out with you?**
IF ANY: *Tell me about it. Why do you think this happened?*
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Illustrative Indicators

- Makes derogatory remarks about others
 - Is unaccepting of others
 - Makes frequent racist/sexist comments
 - Is quick to make unusually negative judgements about people based on superficial characteristics (e.g., gender, ethnicity, disability or religion)
 - Has negative opinions about most people unless it seems that they have something to offer
 - Is impatient of the failings or weaknesses of others
 - Negative and dismissive of others who have no value to them
 - Unforgiving, bears grudges over a long period of time usually because of the perception that the other person has not been totally loyal
 - *Other indicators of this symptom (please describe)*
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NOTES

Adjectival Descriptor Ratings

	Not at all Descriptive	Somewhat Descriptive	Moderately Descriptive	Very Descriptive
Narrow-minded	0	1	2	3
Bigoted	0	1	2	3
Hypercritical	0	1	2	3

8.

Domain

Symptom

A

A2

UNCOMMITTED

- **Of the people around you now, who do you respect? Who do you feel loyalty towards any of these people?**

IF ANY: *Why?*

IF NONE: *Why do you feel no loyalty to others?*

- **If someone told you a secret, or made you promise not to tell another some important piece of information, would you keep that secret?**

IF YES: *Why? Why are your promises good?*

IF NO: *Why not? Why do you not let people rely on you like that?*

- **If you were worried about another person, that something might be wrong or worrying them, what would you do about it?**

IF NO: *How do you feel when you hear about someone reporting another person to the authorities?*

Illustrative Indicators

- Reneges on their promises to others
 - Demonstrates no allegiance to any cause apart from him or herself
 - Changes friends and alliances frequently
 - Is capable of informing on others to the authorities if it is thought that they might gain something by doing so
 - *Other indicators of this symptom (please describe)*
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NOTES

Adjectival Descriptor Ratings

	Not at all Descriptive	Somewhat Descriptive	Moderately Descriptive	Very Descriptive
Unfaithful	0	1	2	3
Undevoted	0	1	2	3
Disloyal	0	1	2	3

9.

Domain

Symptom

D

D4

MANIPULATIVE

- **Are you the kind of person who usually gets what s/he wants?**
IF YES: Tell me about it. How do you do that?
IF NO: Have other people told you that you do?

 - **Do you sometimes take advantage of others in order to get what you want or need?**
IF YES: Tell me about it. How? Why? How does this affect your relationships with them?
IF NO: Have other people told you that you do?

 - **Do you lose interest in people when they are no longer of any use to you?**
IF YES: Tell me about it.
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Illustrative Indicators

- Convinces others to do favours through misrepresentation
 - Sets up other people to take the blame for what he or she has done
 - Scams or cons others for money or property
 - Gets pleasure from deceiving or manipulating others
 - Gets others to do his or her “dirty work”
 - *Other indicators of this symptom (please describe)*
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NOTES

Adjectival Descriptor Ratings

	Not at all Descriptive	Somewhat Descriptive	Moderately Descriptive	Very Descriptive
Devious	0	1	2	3
Exploitative	0	1	2	3
Calculating	0	1	2	3

10.

Domain

Symptom

D

D3

DECEITFUL

- **Have you sometimes had to lie in order to get what you wanted or thought you deserved?**

IF YES: Are you good at it? Does it bother you that you have to do this? **DISCUSS**

IF NO: Have other people accused you of being dishonest (such as by holding things back, exaggerating things or by outright lying)? Why have they said this?

Illustrative Indicators

- Lies easily and without anxiety
 - Plays people off against each other either for amusement or in order to take attention away from him or herself
 - Conceals relevant information when questioned
 - Fakes or exaggerates illness/problems/impact of life events to avoid activities
 - Steals from peers, associates and even family and friends
 - If in custody, "taxes" other inmates
 - Cons or deceives people who seem to wish him or her well
 - Cons others without regard for their feelings or the consequences for them
 - Can be difficult to interview because they are evasive on questioning in order to conceal activities or beliefs
 - Engages in impression management
 - Attempts to trick other people in order to make them look foolish
 - Regards self as able to deceive others in order to get what they want, though the reason for such activity may be presented in a more positive light than would appear to be warranted
 - *Other indicators of this symptom (please describe)*
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NOTES

Adjectival Descriptor Ratings

	Not at all Descriptive	Somewhat Descriptive	Moderately Descriptive	Very Descriptive
Dishonest	0	1	2	3
Deceptive	0	1	2	3
Duplicitous	0	1	2	3

11.

Domain
D

Symptom
D1

ANTAGONISTIC

- **Are there any times when you find it difficult to let people know what you think?**
IF YES: Tell me about it.

 - **Do you sometimes argue too much with the people around you?**
IF YES: Tell me about it.
IF NO: Have other people complained that you do? How do you deal with that?
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Illustrative Indicators

- Argues with others for no good reason
 - Insults others
 - Demeans or criticises others in order to control or belittle them
 - Threatens legal action without good reason
 - Is aggressive with little provocation
 - Is over-sensitive to criticism
 - Is aggressive in arguments in order to try to ensure victory
 - *Other indicators of this symptom (Please describe)*
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NOTES

Adjectival Descriptor Ratings

	Not at all Descriptive	Somewhat Descriptive	Moderately Descriptive	Very Descriptive
Hostile	0	1	2	3
Disagreeable	0	1	2	3
Contemptuous	0	1	2	3

12.

Domain

Symptom

D

D2

DOMINEERING

- **How important is it for you to have some control over the things that happen to you?**
IF IMPORTANT: *Tell me about it. Why is having control important to you?*
 - **Has anyone here ever described you as ‘top dog’ (or similar)?**
IF YES: *Why is that?*
 - **Has anyone described you as domineering? Or accused you of bullying?**
IF YES: *Why?*
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Illustrative Indicators

- Brags or boasts about their own accomplishments and abilities
 - Will not discuss their situation with people he or she thinks are junior or inferior
 - Claims to have met and impressed and confounded an expert in the relevant field (e.g., law, criminal justice, forensic mental health, medicine)
 - He or she may present as powerful or commanding – they dominate the space they occupy physically or psychologically
 - Is physically or intellectually predatory – they seek evidence of weaknesses in others in order to exploit
 - Brags or boasts about physical or intellectual dominance over others and about how much others fear or respect them as a consequence
 - Dominates others using social status, excluding those they consider beneath them, preferring or even seeking the attention of those they consider to be of higher status
 - Looks for opportunities to take control over proceedings, such as by dominating the conversation or the personal space of others, including the interviewer
 - Reacts negatively to situations over which they feel they have insufficient or no control
 - *Other indicators of this symptom (please describe)*
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NOTES

Adjectival Descriptor Ratings

	Not at all Descriptive	Somewhat Descriptive	Moderately Descriptive	Very Descriptive
Arrogant	0	1	2	3
Overbearing	0	1	2	3
Controlling	0	1	2	3

13.

Domain

Symptom

S

S4

SENSE OF ENTITLEMENT

- **When there's a problem that you can't sort out alone, how do you deal with it?**
DISCUSS. *Have you often had to take matters into your own hands? Have you had to insist on getting a senior person to sort things out (e.g., a governor, a consultant, a politician)?*
 - **On such occasions, have you found your lawyer useful?**
IF YES: *Why?*
 - **Do you think you deserve to be treated differently or in a special way because of who you are or the things you have done?**
IF YES: *Tell me about it.*
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Illustrative Indicators

- Insistently demands rights
 - Demands unusual or special privileges
 - Believes that the end justifies the means
 - Exploits loopholes in the law, and in rules and privileges
 - Only wants to speak to the most important person, eg. the governor, the senior manager or consultant
 - *Other indicators of this symptom (please describe)*
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NOTES

Adjectival Descriptor Ratings

	Not at all Descriptive	Somewhat Descriptive	Moderately Descriptive	Very Descriptive
Demanding	0	1	2	3
Insistent	0	1	2	3
(Sense of being) Deserving	0	1	2	3

14.

Domain

Symptom

S

S2

SELF-AGGRANDISING

- **More generally, do you think people appreciate how much you do? Do you get the level of appreciation you deserve?**

IF NO: *Tell me about it.*

IF YES: *What do you do that is so appreciated by others?*

- **Do you think you are a good source of advice and support to those around you?**

IF YES: *Why?*

IF NO: *Why not?*

Illustrative Indicators

- Demands assistance from others e.g., “I need you to get me ...”
 - Only talks to the most important people
 - Takes on the role of spokesman or ‘guru’ to those around him or her
 - Regards him or herself as being of higher status (e.g., socially, intellectually, physically) than those around them
 - Demands that his or her own needs supersede the needs of others
 - Is dismissive of those considered to be beneath them
 - Talks up their actual or perceived accomplishments but is not willing to discuss anything more than minor weaknesses or mistakes
 - *Other indicators of this symptom (please describe)*
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NOTES

Adjectival Descriptor Ratings

	Not at all Descriptive	Somewhat Descriptive	Moderately Descriptive	Very Descriptive
Self-important	0	1	2	3
Conceited	0	1	2	3
Condescending	0	1	2	3

15.

Domain

Symptom

B

B3

RECKLESS

- **[IN THE AGREED TIME FRAME] Have people complained that you have done things without thinking of the consequences, for yourself or for others?**
IF YES: *Why have they said this?*
IF NO, CONSIDER WHETHER ANY EXAMPLES ALREADY GIVEN COULD BE REVISITED.
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Illustrative Indicators

- Does things that could harm others e.g., driving while under the influence
 - Overreacts to provocation
 - Engages in risky behaviour
 - Does things without thinking of the consequences
 - *Other indicators of this symptom (please describe)*
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NOTES

Adjectival Descriptor Ratings

	Not at all Descriptive	Somewhat Descriptive	Moderately Descriptive	Very Descriptive
Rash	0	1	2	3
Impetuous	0	1	2	3
Risk-taking	0	1	2	3

16.

Domain

Symptom

E

E5

LACKS REMORSE

- **[IN THE AGREED TIME FRAME] Have you done anything for which you are now sorry, or that you regret?**

IF YES: *Tell me about it. Why are you sorry about what happened?*

- **Have you upset someone without realising or meaning to?**

IF YES: *Tell me what happened.*

IF NO: *What about in the last year?*

Illustrative Indicators

- Denies having hurt others or minimises the consequences for their victim
 - Blames harmful behaviour on others
 - Indicates that the response to their harmful behaviour was disproportionate
 - Claims own victims exaggerate the harm they suffered
 - Does not regret their harmful behaviour
 - Considers that harmful behaviour is justified
 - Admissions of guilt appear phoney or false
 - Everything is always someone else's fault
 - Tries to present self as victim
 - *Other indicators of this symptom (please describe)*
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NOTES

Adjectival Descriptor Ratings

	Not at all Descriptive	Somewhat Descriptive	Moderately Descriptive	Very Descriptive
Unrepentant	0	1	2	3
Unapologetic	0	1	2	3
Unashamed	0	1	2	3

17.

Domain	Symptom
B	B5

DISRUPTIVE

- **How do you challenge others when they do things that annoy you?**
DISCUSS *How do you deal with these people?*
IF NO: *Has anyone ever complained that you have been annoying? How do they deal with you?*
- **Do you shout at people when you are angry, throw or break things, or hit them?**
IF YES: *Why?*
- **Do people complain about your behaviour here?**
IF YES: *Tell me about it.*
- **How often do you refuse to do the things others ask you to do? Do you disobey others – or break the rules, or the law – often?**
IF YES: *Tell me about it.*

Illustrative Indicators

- Refuses to obey rules or laws
 - Openly defies rules
 - Verbally abusive
 - Curses and swears in an abusive manner
 - Always challenging authority with excessive number of complaints or legal challenges
 - Aggressive towards those who try to encourage him or her to go along with the rules
 - Stirs up trouble amongst others in the same situation as him or her
 - Tests boundaries e.g., tries to get others to break the rules, or to do things they shouldn't
 - Questions even simple requests
 - Oppositional attitudes
 - Regards challenging the system as a worthwhile activity and as good sport
 - *Other indicators of this symptom (please describe)*
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NOTES

Adjectival Descriptor Ratings

	Not at all Descriptive	Somewhat Descriptive	Moderately Descriptive	Very Descriptive
Disobedient	0	1	2	3
Unruly	0	1	2	3
Unmanageable	0	1	2	3

18.

Domain

Symptom

A

A1

DETACHED

- **Tell me about the people you are close to. [What do you like about this person/these people? Tell me something good about them?]**
IF ANY: *What do you enjoy about being close to other people?*
IF FEW OR NONE: *Why are you not close to many/any people? DISCUSS* *Have you always been like this?*

 - **Are you the kind of person who makes friends easily?**
IF YES: *Do you keep your friends for long or do you tend to move on and make new friends? DISCUSS*
IF NO: *Why do you find it hard to make friends? Would you describe yourself as a loner? Why are you like that?*
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Illustrative Indicators

- Unattached to others
 - Uncaring towards others
 - Does not keep friends for long
 - Does not have any friends
 - Does not report even superficial warmth or affection for another person
 - Describes self as a loner who does not value the company of others
 - The company of others is described in negative terms
 - Other people are no good
 - *Other indicators of this symptom (please describe)*
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NOTES

Adjectival Descriptor Ratings

	Not at all Descriptive	Somewhat Descriptive	Moderately Descriptive	Very Descriptive
Remote	0	1	2	3
Distant	0	1	2	3
Cold	0	1	2	3

19.

Domain

Symptom

C

C1

SUSPICIOUS

- **How important is it for you to be able to trust other people?**
IF IMPORTANT: *Why is that? How has it been helpful for you to be like this?*

CONTINUE: *Does this mean that you are careful about what you say to other people?* **IF YES:** *What do you worry about what other people will think of you or do to you?*
 - **Do you find it hard to confide in other people?**
IF YES: *Tell me about it.*
 - **Do you wonder sometimes whether people are talking about you or making fun of you? Or do you think they criticise you too much?**
IF YES: *Tell me what that's like for you.*
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Illustrative Indicators

- Gives little away
- Appears to monitor others
- Is over sensitive to criticism
- Reluctant to talk freely about self and others
- Talks a lot about trust and how it is important to them
- Expects that people are trying to deceive them or get one over on them
- Questions why people want to know things about them
- Is defensive and sometimes hostile if they feel threatened by the comments of others, including you the interviewer
- *Other indicators of this symptom (please describe)*



NOTES

Adjectival Descriptor Ratings

	Not at all Descriptive	Somewhat Descriptive	Moderately Descriptive	Very Descriptive
Distrustful	0	1	2	3
Guarded	0	1	2	3
Hypervigilant	0	1	2	3

SECTION 3: WHO YOU ARE AS A PERSON?

READ VERBATIM: Now I want to move on to talk about the kind of person you are – how you see yourself and how you think others see you. Again, we will use the timeline we prepared before to help us to keep our focus on what you are like *now and recently*. If you have been different in the past, I would like you to tell me more about this as we go along and especially why you think you are different now.

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Domain

Symptom

S

S1

SELF-CENTRED

- How would you describe your personality?
 - How have other people described you?
IF ANYTHING: Why do you think they have they said that?
 - How important to you is the opinion that other people have of you?
IF IMPORTANT: Why?
IF NOT IMPORTANT: Why not?
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Illustrative Indicators

- Talks only about him- or herself (disinterested in others)
 - In relationship(s) purely for what they can get out of it and at the expense of their partners
 - Relationships tend to focus on personal needs rather than on the shared experience
 - Self-obsessed and preoccupied
 - The value of others rests on their value to him- or herself
 - Bragging and boastful
 - Exploits others regardless of their relationship with him/her
 - *Other indicators of this symptom (please describe)*
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NOTES

Adjectival Descriptor Ratings

	Not at all Descriptive	Somewhat Descriptive	Moderately Descriptive	Very Descriptive
Egocentric	0	1	2	3
Selfish	0	1	2	3
Self-absorbed	0	1	2	3

21.

Domain

Symptom

S

S7

UNSTABLE SELF-CONCEPT

- The way you just described yourself – have you always been like this? Or have you changed from how you were in the past?

DISCUSS

- Do you feel different from the people around you? Have you felt like you didn't belong anywhere, or like you didn't fit in?

IF YES: Tell me about it.

- Do you often feel empty inside?

IF YES: Tell me about it.

- Are you easily influenced by the people around you?

IF YES: Can you tell me more? Has this caused problems for you?

Illustrative Indicators

- Demonstrates variable moods
 - Is markedly different with different people or in different situations
 - Is confused about what they want to achieve in life, or they have changed their mind often about what they want
 - Has difficulty keeping promises or fulfilling obligations to others (including in work and treatment)
 - Reports extremes of emotion that are distressing for them and can be difficult for them or for others to manage
 - Is over-invested in the criminal code, which gives them high status amongst their peers that they could not attain otherwise
 - *Other indicators of this symptom (please describe)*
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NOTES

Adjectival Descriptor Ratings

	Not at all Descriptive	Somewhat Descriptive	Moderately Descriptive	Very Descriptive
Labile (sense of self)	0	1	2	3
Incomplete (sense of self)	0	1	2	3
Chaotic (sense of self)	0	1	2	3

22.

Domain

Symptom

S

S5

SENSE OF INVULNERABILITY

- What would you say are your strengths? What about your weaknesses?

DISCUSS

- Are you the kind of person who likes to take risks?

IF YES: Tell me about it.

- Are you a very competitive person – do you like to be as good as if not better than those around you?

IF ANY: Tell me about it.

- What happens when you fail at something? How does that make you feel?

IF YES: Tell me about it.

Illustrative Indicators

- Acts like they are unbeatable
 - Is very competitive and has to win games and contests
 - Believes that nothing can get in the way of what they want
 - Enjoys taking risks
 - Believes in their ability to meet any challenge regardless of level of skill or experience
 - Fears failing because of loss of face
 - Denies failures
 - Denies that fear would stop them from doing anything challenging and would be contemptuous of anyone who would be so afraid
 - Denies that giving up a task was because they were not able to do it
 - Other indicators of this symptom (please describe)
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NOTES

Adjectival Descriptor Ratings

	Not at all Descriptive	Somewhat Descriptive	Moderately Descriptive	Very Descriptive
(Sense of being) Invincible	0	1	2	3
(Sense of being) Indestructible	0	1	2	3
(Sense of being) Unbeatable	0	1	2	3

INSINCERE

- **Is it important to you that people have a good impression of you?**

IF YES: *Why? Do you ever go out of your way to create good impressions on others? Has anyone gone so far as to say that you are a bit of a charmer, or even shallow or insincere?*

Illustrative Indicators

- Tries to impress others by presenting self more favourably than they are entitled to
 - Tells unlikely stories that present them in best light
 - Uses jargon inappropriately and without genuine understanding
 - Presentation is inconsistent
 - Presentation is affected and seems forced or phoney
 - Flatters others obviously and excessively
 - Tells interviewer what they think they want to hear
 - Plays to an audience
 - Evasive when challenged, including by the interviewer
 - *Other indicators of this symptom (please describe)*
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NOTES

Adjectival Descriptor Ratings

	Not at all Descriptive	Somewhat Descriptive	Moderately Descriptive	Very Descriptive
Superficial	0	1	2	3
Slick	0	1	2	3
Evasive	0	1	2	3

24.

Domain

Symptom

A

A4

UNCARING

- **Is it important to you to be nice to other people?**
IF YES: *What do you do to show people that you care about them?*
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Illustrative Indicators

- Picks on vulnerable or “inadequate” individuals
 - Looks out for own interests regardless of the costs to others
 - Does not help others, including those who are old or infirm
 - Destroys the valued possessions of others
 - Says hurtful things and does not care about the distress caused by doing so
 - *Other indicators of this symptom (please describe)*
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NOTES

Adjectival Descriptor Ratings

	Not at all Descriptive	Somewhat Descriptive	Moderately Descriptive	Very Descriptive
Inconsiderate	0	1	2	3
Thoughtless	0	1	2	3
Neglectful	0	1	2	3

25.

Domain

Symptom

A

A3

UNEMPATHIC

- **Have people described you as insensitive or uncaring about the feelings of others? Has anyone ever described you as cruel or callous?**
IF YES: *Why have they said that?*
IF NO: *Has anyone ever said that you don't have empathy?*

 - **How easy do you find it to understand other people's feelings – to put yourself in their shoes?**
DISCUSS
-

Illustrative Indicators

- Indifferent or unconcerned about the suffering of others
 - Treats others cruelly or callously
 - Able to describe extreme violence or the distress of others without any real emotion
 - Can sustain threatening or intimidating behaviour towards another person over long periods of time, an activity that is not modified by evidence of the distress of the person being victimized
 - *Other indicators of this symptom (please indicate)*
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NOTES

Adjectival Descriptor Ratings

	Not at all Descriptive	Somewhat Descriptive	Moderately Descriptive	Very Descriptive
Uncompassionate	0	1	2	3
Cruel	0	1	2	3
Callous	0	1	2	3

26.

Domain

Symptom

B

B2

UNRELIABLE

- **Can you be relied upon to get things done – or do you tend to just suit yourself?**
IF YES: *Tell me about it.*

 - **When you make a promise to someone, do you always keep it? Do you always pay your debts – official and unofficial?**
IF YES: *Why is it important for you to keep to your word in this way?*
IF NO: *Have other people said that you don't keep promises or pay your debts?*

 - **IF APPROPRIATE: Do you rely a lot on other people to get you the things you need?**
IF YES: *Does this sometimes put pressure on them? IF YES: How do you feel about that?*
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Illustrative Indicators

- Cannot be relied upon
 - Does not do the things he or she promised they would do, or honour his or her commitments to others
 - Breaks promises
 - Difficult to track their activities
 - Does not pay back their debts promptly
 - Does not do tasks asked of them
 - Frequently late for routine commitments
 - Causes hardship to family
 - Demands items from family that they cannot afford
 - Damages the property of others and/or returns it broken
 - *Other indicators of this symptom (please describe)*
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NOTES

Adjectival Descriptor Ratings

	Not at all Descriptive	Somewhat Descriptive	Moderately Descriptive	Very Descriptive
Undependable	0	1	2	3
Untrustworthy	0	1	2	3
Irresponsible	0	1	2	3

27.

Domain

Symptom

C

C4

INFLEXIBLE

- **Are you stubborn and set in your ways? Do other people say that you are?**
IF YES: *Tell me about it. What problems does this cause you?*

 - **When you are arguing with another person, can it be difficult for you to back down, even if you are losing?**
IF YES: *Tell me about it.*
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Illustrative Indicators

- Wants to do things their own way
 - Will not agree to compromises
 - Is dogmatic in their statements
 - Usually refuses to back down in an argument
 - Enjoys seeing other people become frustrated with their inflexibility
 - A strong conviction that they are right and that other people are wrong, almost regardless of the evidence to the contrary
 - *Other indicators of this symptom (please describe)*
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NOTES

Adjectival Descriptor Ratings

	Not at all Descriptive	Somewhat Descriptive	Moderately Descriptive	Very Descriptive
Stubborn	0	1	2	3
Rigid	0	1	2	3
Uncompromising	0	1	2	3

28.

Domain

Symptom

C

C2

LACKS CONCENTRATION

- **Do you get bored easily? Do you find it difficult to concentrate?**
IF YES: *Tell me about it.*
IF NO: *Have other people ever said that you do?*

 - **Do you sometimes find it hard to finish doing things because you've lost interest?**
IF YES: *Can you give me an example of when this has happened?*
IF NO: *Have other people said that you give up on things because you lose interest in them?*

 - **Does your mind wander when you are doing jobs or tasks that you aren't all that interested in?**
IF YES: *What kind of problems does this cause for you?*
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Illustrative Indicators

- Does not complete tasks
 - Has to be directed to attend
 - Does not sustain attention
 - Loses interest in jobs or tasks because they become boring
 - Short attention span
 - Always on the move, active and fidgety
 - Complains that people criticise them for not completing tasks that they find boring or pointless
 - *Other indicators of this symptom (please describe)*
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NOTES

Adjectival Descriptor Ratings

	Not at all Descriptive	Somewhat Descriptive	Moderately Descriptive	Very Descriptive
Distractible	0	1	2	3
Inattentive	0	1	2	3
Unfocused	0	1	2	3

29.

Domain

Symptom

C

C5

LACKS PLANFULNESS

- Do you think you are an organised person? Do you tend to plan or think about the things you do? Or do people have to nag you to get things done?
DISCUSS
-

Illustrative Indicators

- Does not stick to the tasks given to them
 - Behaviour is not planned
 - Changes their mind all the time
 - Lacks routine
 - Lives from day to day
 - Describes self as a spontaneous person
 - Is impulsive and values this characteristic
 - Is chaotic and disorganised
 - Fails to think through the consequences of their actions beforehand
 - *Other indicators of this symptom (please describe)*
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NOTES

Adjectival Descriptor Ratings

	Not at all Descriptive	Somewhat Descriptive	Moderately Descriptive	Very Descriptive
Aimless	0	1	2	3
Unsystematic	0	1	2	3
Disorganised	0	1	2	3

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Domain

Symptom

D

D6

GARRULOUS

- **Do people tell you that you talk too much? Do you think you talk too much?**
IF YES: *Tell me about it. Why are you like this?*

 - **Do people complain that you have difficulty getting to the point?**
IF YES: *Why have they said this?*
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Illustrative Indicators

- Talks a lot
 - Talks tiresomely
 - Talks loudly and quickly
 - Avoids answering direct questions
 - Always has a ready answer
 - Tendency to flood the interviewer with too much information, usually irrelevant, thus giving the impression of co-operation
 - Stories are unbelievable
 - *Other indicators of this symptom (please describe)*
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NOTES

Adjectival Descriptor Ratings

	Not at all Descriptive	Somewhat Descriptive	Moderately Descriptive	Very Descriptive
Glib	0	1	2	3
Verbose	0	1	2	3
Pretentious	0	1	2	3

31.

Domain

Symptom

E

E4

LACKS EMOTIONAL STABILITY

- **When you have strong feelings – good or bad – how long do you usually stay feeling that way? Tell me about it.**

 - **Does your mood change often?**
IF YES: *Tell me about it. When it does, do you sometimes have no warning that this is about to happen?*
IF NO: *Do other people tell you that it does?*

 - **How easily are you annoyed or irritated by the things that go on around you? Do you lose your temper easily?**
IF YES: *Tell me about it.*
IF NO: *Do other people say that you do? Have other people described you as irritable or moody?*
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Illustrative Indicators

- Aggressive with little provocation
 - Moods change frequently
 - Never know how they will respond
 - Walks out of meetings if things don't seem to be going his or her way
 - Moods appear to change easily
 - Argues easily
 - Difficult to know what they will do next
 - Prone to outbursts
 - Easily frustrated
 - Flies off the handle
 - Short tempered
 - Unpredictable
 - Dramatic
 - *Other indicators of this symptom (please describe)*
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NOTES

Adjectival Descriptor Ratings

	Not at all Descriptive	Somewhat Descriptive	Moderately Descriptive	Very Descriptive
Temperamental	0	1	2	3
Moody	0	1	2	3
Irritable	0	1	2	3

32.

Domain

Symptom

B

B6

AGGRESSIVE

- **Will you use violence if you have to?**
DISCUSS

 - **Are you ever aggressive in other ways, such as verbally?**
IF YES: *Tell me about it.*
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Illustrative Indicators

- Threatens others when they do not get their own way
 - Has charges, convictions and/or adjudications for threatening, aggressive, violent or bullying conduct
 - Threatens others for goods or drugs
 - Preys on weaker peers or associates
 - Volatile
 - Poor temper control
 - Flies off the handle and is almost uncontrollable when angry, but recovers quickly
 - Hostile and coercive
 - *Other indicators of this symptom (please describe)*
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NOTES

Adjectival Descriptor Ratings

	Not at all Descriptive	Somewhat Descriptive	Moderately Descriptive	Very Descriptive
Threatening	0	1	2	3
Violent	0	1	2	3
Bullying	0	1	2	3

33.

Domain

Symptom

E

E2

LACKS PLEASURE

- **And finally, do you often feel bored or depressed?**
IF YES: *Why? Does anything give you pleasure these days? What about when someone praises you for something you have done?*
IF NO: *Why not?*
 - **And how positive do you feel about the future? What are you looking forward to? What worries you?**
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Illustrative Indicators

- Rarely if ever experiences pleasure except in relation to the intimidation or mockery of others
 - Rarely if ever seems happy
 - Frequently appears bored and depressed
 - Appears indifferent to praise or criticism
 - *Other indicators of this symptom (please describe)*
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NOTES

Adjectival Descriptor Ratings

	Not at all Descriptive	Somewhat Descriptive	Moderately Descriptive	Very Descriptive
Pessimistic	0	1	2	3
Gloomy	0	1	2	3
Unenthusiastic	0	1	2	3
