

Prevention of Child Molestation in the Dunkelfeld

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In order to improve the protection of society from sexual offences this research project will investigate the effectiveness of therapeutic interventions to prevent sexual abuse within a particular group. The project will target child molesters unknown to the justice system, and men who fear to sooner or later act upon their sexual impulses i. e. potential offenders (i. e. "dunkelfeld" molesters). A media campaign will be used to encourage these persons to contact the Institute for Sexual Science and Sexual Medicine, Charité Hospital. Each person fitting the intake criteria will be assessed using a battery of psychometric instruments, a sexological interview and a criminal history record check. Each participant will be randomly allocated to a standardized group treatment, a standardized individual treatment or a waiting list control. Treatment effectiveness will be assessed at post-treatment and after a first follow-up period of 12 months. With this study important information about the usefulness and required structure of specific programs for treating dunkelfeld molesters within the German health system will be obtained which will be relevant for both scientists and society in general. Website: www.sexualmedizin-charite.de

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