



WS 6.1

Greg

Greg is 22 years old, has a severe brain injury and is in a nursing home. He wants to masturbate but feels that he can't, as he has little privacy. Staff enter the room without any notice. Also, he isn't able to clean himself up after masturbating due to restrictions in his upper limb functioning and feels too embarrassed to ask the nursing staff for assistance.

Greg is starting to feel very frustrated with his situation as he feels that no-one is listening to him and no-one can help him.



WS 6.2

Peter

Peter is 24 years old and is in an inpatient rehabilitation service after sustaining a severe TBI. He has made a fairly good cognitive recovery but has significant impairments with his lower limbs, is a one-person transfer, needs assistance to turn in bed and is wheelchair dependent.

Due to the severity of his physical injuries he has been in the rehabilitation unit for a number of months. He is feeling sexually very frustrated. He hadn't been in a relationship at the time of the injury. He asks one of the rehabilitation staff if they could organise for him to go to a brothel so he can have sex with a sex worker.



WS 6.3

Jane

A former street kid, Jane, resumes some of her pre-injury lifestyle while living in a transitional living unit. She starts going to the pub and being freely sexually available to anyone who is interested.

Team members caring for her are concerned that her severe cognitive impairments are reducing her control over what happens in these sexual encounters, whereas once she had been street-wise enough to protect herself.

They are also concerned for the safety of Jane, other clients and staff members, when some of her sexual partners turn up late at night looking for her.



WS 6.4

Susan

Susan was involved in car accident at the age of 27. Her brain injury caused her to be paralysed in her right arm and leg. After discharge from hospital, Sue found that she was unable to obtain orgasms with masturbation, partner stimulation or sexual intercourse. Before her injury, she had orgasms by all of these methods.

Within a year, the paralysis in her arm and leg has got better, but she still cannot reach an orgasm. Sue is becoming increasingly frustrated. Her relationship with her live-in partner has deteriorated. It has got to the point where she and her partner are thinking of separating.



Scenario 1

A client tells you that they have a sexual concern. How would you respond to this situation?

- What sort of a response could you make?
- What other action might you take?
