

### Training skills in psychosexual medicine

The 'secret army' that Susan Quilliam identifies to increase awareness of psychosexual problems<sup>1</sup> is indeed out there and perhaps ready and waiting for more information about how to access training to increase their day-to-day skills in this field. She mentions finding sources for local referral, but has not identified the training organisations that are available. The Institute of Psychosexual Medicine (IPM), which was founded in 1974, provides seminar-based training, looking at

cases brought by trainees from their day-to-day work, and awards Diplomas and Membership after successful presentations to a panel of examiners. Attendance at seminars aids the acquisition of competencies required for the Faculty Special Skills Module on Foundation Sexual Problems, and for the Community Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare Specialty training programme. Further information about the training, and local availability of specialists, is available at <http://www.ipm.org.uk>.

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