Sexuality & Gender for Mental Health Professionals
A Practical Guide

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‘A cogent, carefully crafted and comprehensive introduction to the complexities of genders, sexualities and relationships which challenges our assumptions about normality and difference, refreshingly including heterosexuality, asexuality and BDSM alongside LGB and T*.’

-Dominic Davies, Founder of Pink Therapy

Questions of sexuality and gender affect everyone and therefore have an inevitable relevance in the consulting room. Yet with interpretations and manifestations of both varying greatly from person to person, understanding the inherent complexities of sexuality and gender can be a daunting task for the health professional. Breaking down these complexities this practical guide familiarises the reader with all of the common and many of the less common sexualities, genders and relationship forms, and explains the experiences and issues relating to each.

The book contains:

- Explanations of various forms of sexuality, gender and relationship structures
- Common concerns relating to specific groups
- Key practises relating to specific groups
- The treatment of specific groups in contemporary Western society
- Details of some rules and ideals that are commonly found within specific groups
- Suggestions for professional practice with these groups

Ideal for all members of the multidisciplinary team, this accessible book is relevant to practitioners across theoretical backgrounds. Whether you are a trainee or qualified psychotherapist, counsellor, nurse, medic, psychiatrist, social worker or applied psychologist, this is a vital text for your professional practice.

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