Video Interaction Guidance
A Relationship-Based Intervention to Promote Attunement, Empathy and Wellbeing

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‘Video Interaction Guidance (VIG) is undoubtedly an intervention whose time has arrived, and we need wide-ranging groups of practitioners including midwives, health visitors and social workers, to develop the necessary knowledge and skills to intervene with families using this highly effective method of working to bring about change. This book will be an important first step in achieving that.’

- Professor Jane Barlow, Professor of Public Health in the Early Years, University of Warwick, UK

‘This book is the first to offer a comprehensive introduction to Video Interaction Guidance, together with an accessible account of the strands of theory and research underpinning the approach.’

- Professor Norah Frederickson, Director, Educational Psychology Group, University College London, UK

‘This is a book of hope. It shows us a way out of the despair of social dysfunction, a way out of continuing with relationship patterns that have become jaged and draining... It also becomes clear that VIG requires only a modest investment of time or money.’

- Dr M. Suzanne Zedek, Senior Lecturer in Developmental Psychology, University of Dundee, UK

‘A therapy that promotes interactive attunement between adults and children is taking the world of therapy by surprise. With the help of a simple video camera focusing on the good moments of human interaction, however limited these may be, its practitioners empower their clients, bring a smile to their wary faces and achieve real positive changes in the attachment of their children.’

- Dr Felicity de Zulueta, Honorary Consultant Psychiatrist in Psychotherapy and Senior Lecturer in King’s College London, UK

Video Interaction Guidance (VIG) is an effective intervention which builds positive relationships through filming and feedback sessions. By micro-analysing actions and communications in this way, clients are supported to resolve their current difficulties and increase their sensitivity and attunement within the relationship.

Bringing together contributions from researchers and practitioners across a range of professions, this book provides a definitive introduction to VIG. The book explains the theory behind the approach, reviews research evidence, and offers case studies that document how VIG has been successfully applied to family relationships, schools and higher education, individuals with communication and developmental disorders, and as a reflective professional development tool. The approach is then discussed from a range of theoretical perspectives and within the contexts of narrative therapy, infant and attachment interventions, positive psychology and mindfulness.

This authoritative and comprehensive guide to VIG will be an important text for psychologists, psychiatrists, counsellors, social workers, therapists, and mental health and education professionals, as well as students and academics in these fields.

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