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**Activity: Media**  
**Aversion therapy**

Learning objective

At the end of this activity you should be able to:

- understand the principle behind aversion therapy and how it has been used in attempts to change behaviour deemed 'deviant' by the medical profession.

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A. Using the link below, answer the questions that follow.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y6hgVt5le9k>

1. Why did Peter Price have aversion therapy?
  2. What did the aversion therapy involve?
  3. How does Roger, the nurse who administered the aversion therapy, describe it?
  4. Why did Peter agree to have the 'treatment'?
  5. What is the principle behind how aversion therapy works?
  6. How was aversion therapy used with gay men?
  7. What was Peter's biggest fear during the period when he was being treated?
  8. How long did his therapy last?
  9. Who had the power to decide if someone was given aversion therapy?
  10. Did Roger think the treatment was effective?
- B. Do you think this treatment could be effective? Would it work with different 'types' of offenders, e.g. burglars, car thieves, paedophiles, violent criminals etc. Give reasons for your answer.