

CHILD PROTECTION

Investigating Child Abuse

Target Groups

The course is aimed at all those who are employed to investigate child abuse including Social Workers and Police.

Number of Students

The course can be taught to a minimum of 10 and to a maximum of 20 students.

Duration

2 x Training days

Cost Per Student

£350 plus VAT

Recent cases of child abuse such as the deaths of children who were already known to professions within the multi-agency arena has raised the question of how those charged with the investigation of child abuse are actually trained.

Employers are responsible for ensuring that their staff are competent and confident in carrying out their responsibilities for safeguarding and promoting children's and young people's welfare . Additionally they should equip their staff with the necessary skills to Investigate Child Abuse and understand Child Protection procedures.

Refresher training should also be provided at regular intervals to ensure the continued professional development of staff.

Content

- Fully understand their role
- Identify the mind-set of an abuser
- Understand how children accommodate abuse
- Learn from previous serious case reviews
- Understand current legislation and guidance
- Develop an investigative mind-set
- Apply an appropriate decision making model
- Apply a note taking model to all conversations
- Place the child at the centre of all processes

Aims and Objectives

- Provide those charged with investigating all forms of child abuse with the necessary skills to adequately identify an abusive situation
- Gain confidence in their own ability to investigate thoroughly all forms of abuse



Features and Benefits



The purpose of training for inter-agency work at both strategic and operational levels is to achieve better outcomes for children and young people by fostering:

- ◆ a shared understanding of the tasks, processes, principles, roles and responsibilities outlined in national guidance and local arrangements for safeguarding children and promoting their welfare;
- ◆ more effective and integrated services at both the strategic and individual case level;
- ◆ improved communication and information sharing between professionals, including a common understanding of key terms, definitions and thresholds for action;
- ◆ effective working relationships, including an ability to work in multi-disciplinary groups or teams;
- ◆ sound child focused assessments and decisions

Course Structure

All training places the child at the centre and promotes the importance of understanding the child's daily life experiences, ascertaining their wishes and feelings, listening to the child and never losing sight of his or her needs.

The course highlights the criminality of abuse and illustrates effective interventional strategies to appropriately investigate all forms of abuse.

The course is taught over 2 days and includes recommendations from recent Serious Case Reviews.

Participants are encouraged to share their experiences through group tasks and feedback sessions.



The content of our training programmes are regularly reviewed and updated in the light of changing policy and legislation, research, learning from SCRs, child death reviews and practice experience, and always reinforce the centrality of the child's welfare is paramount

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Quality Assurance

All of our trainers have significant practical experience in the arenas of Child Protection and the Forensic Investigation of Child Abuse. In addition all have academic qualification in both relevant subject matter.

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