

Introduction

This Introduction to Child Protection course challenges some of the common myths about child abuse and looks at how to manage a disclosure and minimising risks when working with children.

In addition it covers a code of practice for working with children and offers an overview of sexual offences and the law.

The course is suitable for anyone working with children or young people. You do not need any prior knowledge for the course but it would be helpful if you have had a look through your organisations child protection policies / procedures.

Content

The course includes group discussion, case studies, tutor inputs and handouts.

The course looks at the physical, emotional and sexual abuse of children. The course also looks at definitions of abuse and neglect.

Outcomes

By the end of the course participants will have;

- Explored attitudes towards child abuse
- Discussed neglect, physical, sexual and emotional abuse of children
- Gained a basic understanding of child protection procedures
- Gained confidence in managing disclosures of abuse
- Gained an understanding of the law in relation to the protection of children
- Discussed minimising risk when working with children

Follow Up

Please answer all the questions;

- Who is your child protection coordinator? - Give us their name and their job
- Where would you find a copy of your organisations child protection policy?
- Where are any child protection notes from your organisation kept?
- If you are unable to contact your child protection coordinator what would you do?
- How confident do you feel to deal with a disclosure of abuse from one of the children you work with?