

An introduction to child sexual abuse – for policing professionals

Half-day course

£480 + VAT for 6 to 25 participants



Please note: There is an increased fee to deliver this course face-to-face.

About the course

This engaging half-day introductory course provides frontline officers with an overview of child sexual abuse. The course addresses the critical points that frontline officers need to understand to enable them to confidently recognise and effectively deal, in the first instance, with calls/incidents related to child sexual abuse. It is delivered by former police officers, who bring an experienced policing perspective to the training programme.

What you can expect to learn

- A better understanding of:
 - the scale and nature of child sexual abuse, and why it is so important for police officers to have both knowledge of child sexual abuse and the confidence to apply professional curiosity to every situation/incident they attend
 - how children communicate their experiences of sexual abuse, and the police role in helping them do this
 - medical examinations for children – what happens at a sexual assault referral centre (SARC), and the purposes and benefits of a medical examination over and above the opportunity it presents to obtain forensic evidence
 - the potential signs and indicators of sexual abuse and sexually abusive behaviour – an opportunity for officers to understand how they can contribute to the police investigation of child sexual abuse
 - priorities around investigation and safeguarding.
- Greater confidence in identifying and responding to concerns of child sexual abuse.
- An opportunity to pose questions to the trainer, who has significant experience of investigating sexual abuse cases in both frontline and senior policing roles.

Additional resources

- PowerPoint slides for attendees to refer back to and keep for reflection.
- Digital copies of the CSA Centre's *Key messages from research on intra-familial child sexual abuse and child sexual abuse perpetrated by adults*.
- A digital copy of *Signs and indicators: A template for identifying and responding to concerns of child sexual abuse*.
- A digital copy of *Communicating with children: A guide for those working with children who have or may have been sexually abused*.
- A digital copy of *Supporting parents and carers: A guide for those working with families affected by child sexual abuse*.
- References and resources list.

What past attendees said about this course

“This will help me identify sexual abuse. How to talk to children and look at the wider picture.”

Police Constable – Response

“I found the training very helpful with identifying possible sexual abuse and I will be able to use this in future situations that arise, especially in domestic incidents that we go to.”

Police Sergeant – Response

“I thought the session on how to talk to children who are victims of child sexual abuse was excellent – it would have empowered officers to talk to children.”

Police Sergeant – Response

