

# An introduction to sibling sexual behaviour and abuse

*Half-day course*

£480 + VAT for 6 to 25 participants



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

## Who is this course for

This course is for professionals across children's social care, health (primary care, mental health, accident and emergency, midwifery, health visiting, sexual health), youth justice services, police, adoption services, fostering services and any other relevant services in contact with children, young people, parent(s) or carer(s).


We would recommend professionals who book onto this course have already attended the full-day course on [children and young people who have displayed harmful sexual behaviour](#). For those who want a more in-depth exploration of sibling sexual abuse, please explore our one-day course on this topic.

## About the course

It is thought that between a quarter and a half of all harmful sexual behaviour - sexual discussions or acts that are inappropriate for a child's age or stage of development - displayed by children and young people involve sibling(s) or close family relatives such as cousins, nephews and nieces.

Recognising and responding to incidents of sibling sexual behaviour and abuse can be difficult for professionals, not least because it often challenges commonly held conceptions of what sibling relationships are like. To help, this half-day course equips professionals working with children, young people and families with an understanding of how to identify when sibling sexual behaviour is of concern and to recognise when sibling sexual behaviour becomes abusive.

## What you can expect to learn

- A greater understanding of the nature of sibling sexual behaviour and an improved ability to recognise when this behaviour becomes problematic and/or abusive.
  - A greater understanding of the prevalence of, and possible pathways to, sibling sexual abuse.
  - Greater confidence in identifying sibling sexual abuse.
  - An understanding of the impact of sibling sexual abuse.
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## Additional resources

- PowerPoint slides for attendees to refer back to and keep for reflection.
- A digital copy of the CSA Centre's accessible overview: *Key messages from research on intra-familial child sexual abuse*.
- A digital copy of the CSA Centre report *Sibling Sexual Abuse: A Knowledge and Practice Overview*.
- A list of resources for parents and carers regarding harmful sexual behaviour.
- A digital copy of *Sibling sexual behaviour: A guide to responding to inappropriate, problematic and abusive behaviour*
- 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

**“Just wanted to thank you for yesterday! I have met with some social workers today who attended yesterday’s session and all spoke of finding it very helpful, useful, the pace and the information was absolutely ‘spot on’ as one social worker has informed me.”**

**Practice development adviser**

**“Really helpful to learn about the prevalence of this as I wasn’t aware the statistics were as high as they are.”**

**Social worker**

**“This will be extremely helpful in my role as I know feel more equipped to recognise and respond to sibling sexual abuse.”**

**Children in care team”**

**“Very knowledgeable training, good time frame!**

**Social worker**

