

Supervising cases of child sexual abuse for social work managers

Two-day course

£1,550 + VAT for 6 to 25 participants

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

About the course

Social work practice in cases of suspected intra-familial child sexual abuse can be complex, emotional and challenging. The supervisor's role in supporting social workers to make the right decisions with these families is fundamental to reducing the risk of sexual abuse to children and young people, and to supporting them when abuse has occurred. This two-day course aims to give supervisors and managers the knowledge they need to feel confident supporting social work practice in these circumstances.

What you can expect to learn

The course's focus is on equipping managers with the knowledge needed to effectively support social work practice in relation to cases of intra-familial child sexual abuse, specifically:

Increasing knowledge on child sexual abuse

- A better understanding of:
 - the scale and nature of child sexual abuse
 - the challenges and obstacles in practice, and how to overcome these
 - how the impact of child sexual abuse presents in children and young people
 - how children communicate their experiences of sexual abuse, and the professional role in helping them do this
 - how sexual abuse happens in families
 - the importance of a 'whole family' approach to assessing and intervening with families.

Applying the knowledge to supervising and supporting social workers

- Better understanding of the impact of the work on social workers, and how best to support them.
- Greater awareness of tools and resources that social workers can use in their practice with children and families.
- Increased confidence in supporting staff to:
 - identify child sexual abuse
 - build a picture of concerns in cases of suspected child sexual abuse
 - undertake family assessments in cases of intra-familial child sexual abuse

- intervene effectively in cases of intra-familial child sexual abuse.

Additional resources

- PowerPoint slides for attendees to refer back to and keep for reflection.
- A template for 'exploring and overcoming barriers' in supervision.
- A framework for practice in cases of intra-familial child sexual abuse.
- A checklist of areas to assess in cases of intra-familial child sexual abuse.
- A digital copy of the CSA Centre's *Key messages from research on intra-familial child sexual abuse*.
- 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*.
- A list of resources for adult survivors of child sexual abuse.
- References and resources list.

What past attendees said about this course

“The trainer was excellent and provided a very sensitive mix of information providing and activities for reinforcement ... The trainer treated everyone with dignity and respect and never made you think that any question was a ‘stupid question’.”

Child protection conference chair

“I feel better equipped in supervising social workers who have child sexual abuse cases ... and in recognising signs of child sexual abuse.”

Social work manager

“[I will use this training in] thinking about how best to support staff and consider risk on a daily basis ... the training has reinforced the need to ensure staff have access to supportive supervision particularly when they have child sexual abuse cases.”

Team manager

