

New An introduction to child sexual abuse in the context of exploitation

One-day course

£850 + 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 education, health (primary care, mental health, school nursing, sexual health), children's social care, police, voluntary sector organisations, youth offending, fostering and adoption services, residential care and specialist providers.

About the course

Following a series of high-profile cases of child sexual exploitation across the UK, there has been increasing awareness of the problem, with a significant amount of attention given to the need for better inter-agency responses. This engaging one-day course aims to equip practitioners with an understanding of child sexual abuse in the context of exploitation and an understanding of how to respond and best support children and young people who have been impacted. The course provides an overview of the signs and indicators of child sexual exploitation, the concept of exchange and the limitations of risk assessments. There is a focus throughout the day on developing knowledge, skills and confidence in talking to children when there are concerns of child sexual abuse in the context of exploitation.

What you can expect to learn

- How to describe child sexual exploitation as a form of child sexual abuse.
 - How to describe the grooming process and the integral role it plays in exploiting children and young people.
 - Recognise how changes in society have impacted on policy related to how children are safeguarded.
 - Discuss the use of language in describing children and young people affected by child sexual exploitation and how this impacts our response to them.
 - Describe the experiences that increase the vulnerability of young people to child sexual exploitation.
 - List the signs and indicators specific to child sexual exploitation and apply this knowledge in practice.
 - Explore the contextual safeguarding model and the challenges it has in relation to child sexual exploitation.
 - Debate the value of existing risk assessment tools in safeguarding.
 - Display confidence in effectively managing risk.
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Additional resources

- PowerPoint slides for attendees to refer back to and keep for reflection.
- 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 children and families affected by child sexual abuse in the context of exploitation.
- References and resources list.

What past attendees said about this course

“It is one of the most impactful training courses I have been on, and it allowed me to start to embed changes in practice straight away due to the ease of the information being shared/taught.”

Specialist support worker

“I have massively not only increased my knowledge and understanding but also my passion.”

Service manager

