# \*New\* Effective whole-family support following arrests for online sexual offending

# 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 anyone whose role, as a pr or manager, involves supporting families where a parent or carer has accessed child sexual abuse material. For example, it is ideal for police officers, social workers, family support workers, probation officers and those working in education.

#### About the course

Each month hundreds of families find out a parent or carer has accessed child sexual abuse material and the impact of this on children and families can be devastating. Understanding how and why this experience can be so traumatising for families is the first step to effectively supporting them; so getting the professional response right is pivotal in helping mitigate the impact.

Working with families where a parent has accessed child sexual abuse material means professionals have to both assess and address risk of harm to children in the family, while also providing emotional and practical support. When a parent sexually offends online professionals need to understand the factors which may indicate a child has or may be sexually abused, while offering essential support to all the family.

This course will highlight the research evidence on this type of offending and provide practical advice for professionals on how to safeguard and support families at a time of great emotional distress.

# What you can expect to learn

- A greater understanding of the scale and nature of online child sexual abuse.
- A greater understanding of the impact on the family as a whole and on individual family members.
- A greater understanding of the risk and protective factors associated with online sexual offending.
- A greater confidence in identifying the risk and protective factors associated with online sexual offending.
- A greater understanding of how the professional response can help mitigate impact on the whole family.
- An increased confidence in providing supportive responses to the whole family.

## **Additional resources**

- PowerPoint slides for attendees to refer back to and keep for reflection.
- A digital copy of Managing risk and trauma after online sexual offending: A guide to help professionals safeguard the whole family when a parent has accessed child sexual abuse material.
- 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.

