

# \*New\* Sibling sexual behaviour and abuse: A course for safeguarding professionals

*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 any professional who is working in a safeguarding role. It is most useful for those working across children's social care, health, education, police, youth justice, fostering and adoption services and any other relevant services in contact with children, young people, parent(s) or carer(s).

The course is particularly effective for professionals who have attended the full-day course on [children and young people who have displayed harmful sexual behaviour](#).

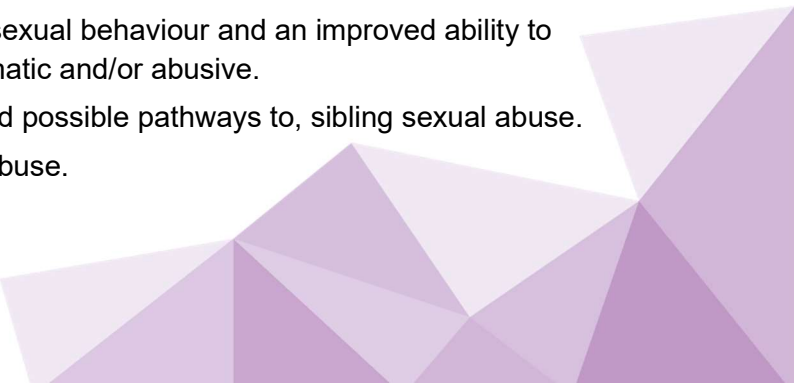
## About the course

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.

This one-day course aims to equip 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. Furthermore, it aims to provide professionals with a greater understanding of the need to take a whole family approach and provides information on how to do this. The course aims to develop participants' understanding of how to carry out assessment and intervention with families affected by sibling sexual abuse.

We recommend that participants on this course have prior knowledge of child sexual abuse or have attended one of our one-day courses on intra-familial child sexual abuse.

## 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.
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- Greater confidence in responding to sibling sexual abuse.
- Greater confidence in developing robust and effective safety plans to support children and families to manage the risk of further abuse.
- Greater confidence in adopting a whole family approach to support families affected by sibling sexual abuse.

### 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*.
  - Our 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.
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