

Working with non-abusing parents and carers in cases of child sexual abuse

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 children's and adults' social care, health (primary care, mental health, midwifery, health visiting), prisons, probation, police, adoption services, fostering services and any other relevant services in contact with parent(s) and/or carer(s).

Professionals attending this course should already have completed our [one-day introductory course on intra-familial child sexual abuse](#).

About the course

Working effectively with non-abusing parents and carers in cases of child sexual abuse is fundamental to the support and protection of children who are at risk of abuse or have been abused. This course will equip participants with an understanding of the issues facing non-abusing parents/carers whose child has been sexually abused within or outside the family (including by the other parent/carers), and best practice in engaging them in effective assessment and intervention.

What you can expect to learn

Building on the 'Intra-familial child sexual abuse – an introduction' course, this course will give you greater awareness of:

- the importance of effectively engaging non-abusing parents and carers in cases of child sexual abuse
- the issues facing non-abusing parents and carers when sexual abuse is suspected
- resources that you can use in your practice with non-abusing parents and carers.

You will also develop a better understanding of:

- the process of denial and how best to work with non-abusing parents to overcome this
- the key factors to assess a non-abusing parent or carer's capacity to protect
- family dynamics and communication in cases of child sexual abuse
- ways to intervene with non-abusing parents and carers in cases of child sexual abuse.

Additional resources

- PowerPoint slides for attendees to refer back to and keep for reflection.
- A digital copy of the CSA Centre's *Key messages from research on intra-familial child sexual abuse*.
- A digital copy of *Supporting parents and carers: A guide for those working with families affected by child sexual abuse*.
- Checklist of areas to assess in cases of intra-familial child sexual abuse.
- Outline of the 'Family Dynamics' exercise – notes for intervention.
- A list of resources for parents and carers regarding 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

"I really enjoyed the training. It was very informative and over the 2 days I remained engaged and continuously learning which was really positive."

Senior social worker

"All the information has been extremely useful and eased my anxiety of working with non-abusing parents."

Newly Qualified Social Worker

"I feel like I have better knowledge to address these concerns with families and the tools to support families."

Social worker

