

Understanding Child Sexual Abuse

Target audience

This course is for all practitioners and their managers/supervisors who work with children, young people and families and are expected to be able to recognise and respond to child sexual abuse.

Course aim

To help professionals understand the full effect of sexual abuse on children and the developing adult.

It is not an easy course! However it will offer an opportunity to explore this very difficult, complicated, emotive, complex, sensitive area of child protection and will offer straight forward advice as to how to manage and cope with this difficult issue.

- Be prepared to be challenged, because sexual abuse issues challenge all of us.
- Be prepared to let your guard down because if we can't children won't.
- Be prepared to have some fun, if we can't giggle at ourselves we will not be able to be able to strengthen children's resilience.

Sexual abuse does not condemn people to a life of a victim if professionals and carers understand something of the effects and how best to respond.

Learning outcomes

By the end of the course participants will be able to

- Recognise the issue of intra familial abuse and how sexual abusers operate within families
- Describe how sexual abuse affects child development and how it might affect children's behaviour
- Recognise the difficulties and complexities of disclosure for children, families and professionals
- Recognise the long term affect of sexual abuse as children grow up into adulthood?

When will the course be held?

The course will run from 09:30 to 16:30 (registration from 09:00) as follows:

- Tuesday 3rd July 2018 - St Peters House, Bradford 1
- Tuesday 16th October 2018 - St Peters House, Bradford 1
- Monday 11th February 2019 - New Mill, Saltaire

How do I apply?

Bradford council employees - <http://bit.ly/2tI0aEm>

Non-council employees - <http://bit.ly/2pft621>

