

# Working with Neglect

A one day course

Neglect has been referred to as 'the most serious type of child maltreatment and the least understood'. It is often underreported and underestimated in terms of the consequences for children. Neglect is a complex issue that presents many challenges for practitioners, not least a shared understanding and effective co-ordination of interventions across different services.

## WHO IS IT FOR?

Designed for all professionals with a responsibility for safeguarding children, including social workers and managers, designated education professionals, health staff and other professionals involved in child protection.

## Learning Outcomes:

On completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Understand what constitutes neglect;
- Acknowledge the impact neglect can have on short and long term development for children.
- Consider ways of promoting consistent inter-agency practice and engaging with hard to reach families;
- Understand 'what works' in effectively managing neglect cases and maintaining a focus on the child.

## PROGRAMME

- Session 1** Why child abuse happens.  
What is neglect and definitions.
- Session 2** The impact of neglect on development  
PP presentation and discussion.
- Session 3** Exercise: Using the current neglect tool.
- Session 4** Exercise: Case study (SCR).  
Large group discussion on inter-agency practice and roles.  
Information exercise on what works for neglect issues/PP's.  
Discussion/Summary on tools to assist and summary.