

Understanding and Working with Sexual Abuse in the 21st Century

A one day course

This course provides an opportunity to explore an understanding of sexual abuse within the current context. It remains an area which is underestimated within safeguarding and exploring the nature of this subject will help us understand why and how we can help.

Aim: To raise awareness of sexual abuse and the impact that sexual abuse has on children.

Who is this for?

Any professional within the multi-agency network working with children and families.

Learning Outcomes: One day Course:

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

- Understand the scope of sexual abuse.
- Know about the impact it has on development using attachment and trauma.
- Understand how this manifests in development using a real case study.
- Identify how the 'offending cycle' links with the lack of clear disclosures.
- Identify current tools which help practitioners make decisions on behalf of children and consider how to help.

Session 1 Why child abuse happens.
What is sexual abuse and definitions.
'Normal' sexual development.

Session 2 Trauma and brain development.
The impact of sexual abuse.

Session 3 Offending models and application of these models to practice.
Case study and group discussion

Session 4 The legal framework
Intervention models