

# Safeguarding Children - Level 1

## Introduction

This course will help to ensure that all people working with or who have contact with children and young people are equipped to carry out their safeguarding responsibilities effectively.



## Audience

This Safeguarding Children (Level 1) course bundle is intended for staff who fall into the following work groups:

Group 1: Staff who are in infrequent contact with children, young people and / or parents / carers and who may become aware of possible abuse or neglect.

Group 2: Those in regular contact or have a period of intense but irregular contact, with children, young people and / or parents / carers, who may be in a position to identify concerns about maltreatment, including those that may arise from the use of a common / early help assessment.

Please note: if you fall within the three work groups outlined below, you would need to complete additional training.

Group 3: Members of the workforce who work predominantly with children, young people and/or their parents/carers and who could potentially contribute to assessing, planning, intervening and reviewing the needs of a child and parenting capacity where there are safeguarding concerns.

Group 4: Members of the workforce who are responsible for making safeguarding referrals to the Police and Children's Social Care

Group 5: Members of the workforce who have particular responsibilities in relation to undertaking section 47 enquiries, including professionals police and children's social care; those who work with complex cases and social work staff responsible for co-ordinating assessments of children in need.

## Objectives

This course will enable you to:

- Learn the background and legal basis for safeguarding
- Understand the importance of serious case reviews
- Understand the origins and core functions of Local Safeguarding Children's Boards
- Know what is meant by safeguarding and child protection
- Learn the definition of child protection and child abuse
- Understand the concept of significant harm
- Learn the key principles of child protection
- Know what to do if child abuse is suspected
- Know who abuses children

## Modules

This course contains the following modules:

### Module name

- Background to Safeguarding Children
- Introduction to Child Abuse
- Recognising Abuse and Neglect
- If You Have Concern
- Responding to a Disclosure - What You Should Do

## Content

Here are some topics covered in this course:

Everyone's business | Safeguarding and child protection | Who are we safeguarding | Timeline of serious incidents, serious case reviews, legislation, investigations and guidance | Findings and failings | Working together to safeguard children | Children and Social Work Act 2017 | Information sharing | Safeguarding myths | What are we safeguarding children from? | Definition of child abuse and significant harm | Parenting and abuse | How to establish whether there is significant harm | Children's social care | Who abuses children and the forms of abuse | Indicators of abuse and how children respond | Important principles | Building trust | Definition and causes of physical abuse | Signs from the victim and abuser | Effects on children | Definition and causes of emotional abuse | Components and signs of emotional abuse | Definition and signs of sexual abuse | Grooming | Disclosure | Definition of neglect | Contributing factors and vulnerable children | Making promises | Discussing with colleagues | Waiting | Designated safeguarding lead | Recording concerns | Police involvement | Responding to a disclosure - what children want and what they fear | Types of disclosure | Supporting the child | Putting safety first | Communicate appropriately | Observing | Recording | Explain what happens next | Role of the designated person | Actions to undertake and to avoid | Local guidance and protocols

- Learn the definitions of physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse and neglect
  - Know the causes of abuse
  - Learn how to recognise signs of abuse from the victim and perpetrator
  - Know the effects of abuse on children
  - Learn how to and how not to respond to concern that a child is at risk of harm
  - Know what information to record
  - Know what to do if you have concern
  - Learn how to respond to a disclosure or allegation of abuse or neglect
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