

**COURSE TITLE: Conducting Child Protection enquiries
(S47 CHILDREN ACT 1989)**

TRAINER:

Tom Owens is a registered social worker and trainer who has specialised in the field of child protection since 1995. He has written and delivered child protection procedures and related training for two local authorities and is currently the Training and Development Manager for a Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) in London.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

A recommendation of the report into the death of Victoria Climbié was that “No social worker shall undertake section 47 inquiries unless he or she has been trained to do so...”

This course aims to outline basic good practice in undertaking child protection enquiries under s47 of The Children Act 1989. The course will offer guidance and practical advice to those workers required to conduct these enquiries.

The course is intended to complement workplace induction, training and supervision.

On completion of this course candidates will:

- understand the responsibilities of those conducting s47 enquiries;
- be aware of the process of conducting s47 enquiries;
- be aware of best practice in carrying out their responsibilities during each stage of the process.

DURATION OF COURSE:

One whole day (9.30 - 4.30 with breaks)

NUMBERS:

Up to a maximum of 25 participants.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

This course is aimed at Social Workers currently working, or intending to work within Local Authority Children’s Services Departments.

TEACHING METHOD:

Comprehensive PowerPoint presentation, combined with interactive work with course participants, including small and larger group exercises and a rolling case study.

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COURSE SYNOPSIS:

- Lessons from Laming
- Thresholds for intervention
- The s47 process – referral to outcome
- Strategy Discussions
- Information gathering
- Conducting the enquiries
- Analysing information and deciding outcomes
- Working with other agencies
- Working with families and children