



## **Course Title: Safeguarding Children: A Basic Introduction**

### **Trainer:**

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Tom is co-author of London Safeguarding Children Board's basic safeguarding induction training pack. He is also co-author of 'Competence Still Matters - a multi agency safeguarding children training framework for London'.

### **Course Aims:**

- To provide an introduction to the processes and procedures designed to safeguard children.
- To outline individual and organisational responsibilities in terms of recognising and responding to concerns for the welfare of children.
- To enable organisations to meet their responsibility to ensure the provision of safeguarding children training delivery at this level.

### **Learning Outcomes:**

By the end of the training session, participants will:

- understand definitions of significant harm, abuse and neglect;
- be aware of the signs of abuse and neglect;
- understand the threshold criteria for the levels of intervention (Common Assessment Framework, children in need and children in need of protection);
- be aware of the 'Framework for the Assessment of Children in Need and their Families';
- understand their responsibilities and actions to take whenever they have a concern about a child;
- understand their responsibilities and actions to take whenever they have a concern about the behaviour of a colleague towards a child.

### **Duration of Course:**

3 hrs 30 mins

### **Numbers:**

A maximum 30 participants.

### **Teaching Method:**

The course is delivered with supporting power point presentation and video. Participants will also undertake some work in small groups.



**Target Audience:**

The course will be relevant to those seeking an introduction to safeguarding children. It will be of particular help to workers and volunteers from groups 1 and 2 as described in government guidelines, i.e.

- those in infrequent contact with children, young people and/or parents/carers who may become aware of possible abuse or neglect.

and

- those in regular contact or have a period of intense but irregular contact, with children, young people and/or parents who may be in a position to identify concerns about maltreatment, including those that may arise from the use of CAF.

**Course Synopsis:**

- Definitions
- Children - needs and vulnerability
- Significant harm, categories of abuse
- Safeguarding, child protection, child in need and CAF
- Continuum of need and thresholds
- Assessment framework
- Responding
- Concerns about a child
- Concerns about a colleagues behaviour
- Referrals to Social Care
- Recording