

COURSE TITLE: UNDERSTANDING AND RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Trainer:

Tom Owens is an experienced, professionally qualified social worker and trainer, specialising in child protection. He has worked in social work and education settings for over twenty years as a practitioner and Manager. Tom has been designing and delivering child protection training since 1995 and has been involved in writing child protection procedures for two local authorities.

Aims and Objectives:

This course aims to promote a better understanding of child sexual abuse in order to assist those working with children to improve the quality of their interventions.

The course examines the nature and prevalence of child sexual abuse and looks at perpetrator behaviour. The impact of sexual abuse is explored, for both the child and their family. The course goes on to consider the investigative process and systemic responses and looks specifically at ways of reducing the risk of abuse in organisations.

Duration of course:

One whole day (9.30 - 4.30 with breaks)

Numbers:

Between 12 and 20 participants.

Target Audience:

This course is aimed at anyone who works with children in a professional or voluntary capacity.

Teaching Method:

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

Course Synopsis:

- Facts, figures and myths
- Adults who sexually abuse children
- Models to assist a better understanding of child sexual abuse
- Perpetrator behaviour and the concept of 'grooming'
- The impact on the child
- The impact on families
- Worker and system responses to concerns and disclosure
- Professional workers and volunteers who sexually abuse children
- Reducing the risk of abuse in organisations