

Safeguarding Children at risk of Child Exploitation - Skills to Practice - FACE TO FACE SESSION

Aims and Objectives

The purpose of this course is for participants to have gained an understanding of:

- How children can be exploited
- To know and understand some of the warning signs and risk indicators of child exploitation
- To understand some of the barriers children and young people have in reporting their abuse
- To have increased knowledge and skills when working directly with children and young people at risk of exploitation
- To have knowledge of a wider range of tools and resources available for use in direct work
- To have an opportunity to have first hand experience of using some of the CE tools and to be able to reflect on the impact of these on a YP
- To have an understanding of the impact on practitioners of undertaking direct work with children and young people at risk of exploitation
- To understand what the local procedures are for dealing with exploitation

Course information

The course is aimed at all everyone that is working directly with young people who are being or are at risk of child exploitation and for those that have an interest in expanding their knowledge in the subject. You do not need to have prior knowledge of the subject matter, but it is advised that participants undertake the Child Sexual Exploitation Level 2 and the Criminal Exploitation and County Lines eLearning modules on this training platform. It is also advised that you look at the documents on the course links and familiarise yourself with their content. To achieve successful completion of this course, participants will have to complete the pre-reading 'Working together to tackle exploitation in Gloucestershire 2022 – 2025' handbook, available from the attachment section once you enrol. They must be familiar with the Child Exploitation Screening Tool and be present for the entirety of this one-day course.

- Part 1:** Complete 3 ½ hours of pre-reading – consisting of reading 'Working together to tackle exploitation in Gloucestershire 2022 – 2025' handbook and familiarising yourself with the Child Exploitation screening tool and the documents on the course links.
- Part 2:** Attend face to face One Day course (7 hours) led by experienced Child Protection practitioners / trainers. This is an opportunity to learn together with other local practitioners, ask questions and be tested on your knowledge and skills.
- Part 3:** Complete the feedback form on your training account to obtain a certificate and continue with your professional development CPD, by attending further virtual training courses and viewing additional safeguarding resources i.e. webinars of local reviews, local assessment tools, policies and procedures, range of topical eLearning courses. The CPD requirement is a minimum 10 hours per year.

Audience

Members of the workforce who work predominately with children and young people and/or their parents and carers and are responsible for making safeguarding referrals to the Police and Children's Social Care E.g. Police, Health, Education and Voluntary Sector. This course is suitable to all practitioners who work with children and families in any capacity but also for those practitioners who may not work directly with them but need to have an awareness and understanding of children at risk of child exploitation.

