

# Understanding Child Protection Conferences and Core Groups -

## Aims and Objectives

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

- To know what a child protection conference is
- To understand how the process works and what is required of partner agencies
- To embed good practice principles of child protection conference & core groups
- To experience a “mock” conference and practice writing safety plans

## Course information

This course considers all aspects of safety planning with families when children are at risk of intra-familial significant harm, once a multi-agency decision has been made that a child protection conference is required. The course is interactive and aims to strengthen practice through increasing practitioner confidence and knowledge and skills when working with families. It is based upon the national and local picture at this specialist level of intervention and includes examples of good practice.

**Part 1:** Complete 3 1/2 hours of pre-reading and set tasks - available within the Child Protection Handbook. This can be found in the attachment section once you enrol.

Please also refer to the GSCP Procedural Manual by following the links to the GSCP Website <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gscp/>

**Part 2:** Attend face to face full day course (7 hours) OR a 4-hour virtual session 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. 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 also suitable for 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

