



## The Child Protection Conference – Level 3

Where the agencies most involved judge that a child may continue to suffer, or to be at risk of suffering significant harm, Local Authority children's social care should convene a child protection conference. The aim of the conference is to enable those professionals most involved with the child and family, and the family themselves, to assess all relevant information and to plan how best to safeguard and promote the welfare of the child.

(Working Together to Safeguard Children 2006, 5.79)

### Who is it for?

The one-day course is for all practitioners and managers that may be required to attend a child protection conference. It will be particularly beneficial to those who have limited experience in this area. The courses are locality based to give opportunities to network and build on effective working relationships. Therefore applicants, if possible, should select a course which is delivered in the area in which they work.

Participants must already have a basic awareness and understanding of the issues in relation to safeguarding children including definitions, signs, symptoms and categories of child abuse and the legal context. Durham LSCB Level 2 Safeguarding courses or Level 1 e-learning course will be suitable for this pre-requisite knowledge.

### Aims

- ✓ To give practitioners and managers the opportunity to practice and develop their skills so as to make an effective contribution to the child protection conference process.
- ✓ To provide an opportunity for colleagues from different agencies to learn together and explore professional dilemmas

### Objectives

By the end of the course participants will be aware of:

- ✓ the purpose and criteria for child protection conferences
- ✓ the criteria for listing (exploring the threshold for significant harm)
- ✓ how to promote effective participation
- ✓ procedural requirements including timescales

Courses will be held on the following dates at venues across the County

| <b>Locality</b> | <b>Date</b>        | <b>Time</b> | <b>Venue</b>               |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Durham          | Wed 14 April 2010  | 9.15-4.30   | To be confirmed            |
| Sedgefield      | Tues 18 May 2010   | 9.15-4.30   | Aycliffe Conference Centre |
| Dales           | Thurs 24 June 2010 | 9.15-4.30   | To be confirmed            |
| Derwentside     | Mon 5 July 2010    | 9.15-4.30   | Stanley Education Centre   |
| Easington       | Thurs 23 Sept 2010 | 9.15-4.30   | East Durham College        |
| Durham          | Tues 12 Oct 2010   | 9.15-4.30   | To be confirmed            |
| Sedgefield      | Fri 26 Nov 2010    | 9.15-4.30   | Aycliffe Conference Centre |
| Dales           | Fri 10 Dec 2010    | 9.15-4.30   | Bishop Auckland Town Hall  |