



Domestic Abuse (the impact on children) – Level 3

a one-day multi-disciplinary course

- In a recent study of 50 serious case reviews domestic abuse was a feature in 15.
- The failure of agencies to understand, accept and assess the impact of domestic abuse on children was a frequent finding. Police and Health agencies were involved with the families but failed to communicate concerns about the risk of harm to the children arising from domestic abuse. Where policies and procedures existed, agencies did not always follow them. (Of particular concern in relation to Police Forces)
- 570,000 calls to Police each year - one incident reported every minute (2000)
- Largest single category of violent crime
- Domestic abuse has the highest rate of repeat victimisation of any crime - 35% of households have a second incident within five weeks of the first (Women & Equality Unit)
- Over a third of all female murder victims are killed by a current or former partner - on average two women per week.

Who is it for?

This course is for practitioners and managers who regularly work with children and families who have professional responsibility for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children who may require a protection plan. These staff are likely to be involved in all or some aspects of the child protection process from strategy discussion to review child protection conference.

Aim

To increase knowledge and to develop skills in working with cases where domestic abuse is identified.

Objectives

- Recognise the impact of domestic abuse and its effects on families in particular children and young people
- Have an understanding of the myths surrounding domestic abuse and their effect on professional management of cases.
- Understand some of the implications of living with domestic abuse both for the non-abusing adult and children.
- Understand the Durham process and the links with safeguarding specialist services.

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

Locality	Date	Time	Venue
Durham	Tues 6 April 2010	9.15am-4.30pm	To be confirmed
Easington	Fri 14 May 2010	9.15am-4.30pm	To be confirmed
Sedgefield	Fri 4 June 2010	9.15am-4.30pm	Aycliffe Conference Centre
Sedgefield	Mon 28 June 2010	9.15am-4.30pm	Aycliffe Conference Centre
Dales	Tues 27 July 2010	9.15am-4.30pm	To be confirmed
Derwentside	Wed 1 Sept 2010	9.15am-4.30pm	Stanley Education Centre
Easington	Fri 15 Oct 2010	9.15am-4.30pm	East Durham College
Durham	Tues 9 Nov 2010	9.15am-4.30pm	To be confirmed