



Neglect – a challenge for inter-agency working – Level 3

Neglect is recognised as leading to significantly poor outcomes for children in the short and long term. It is a matter of concern for all professionals who work with children that the neglected child is often left for too long in circumstances which continue to damage their health and development.

In order to recognise and respond appropriately to neglect, practitioners require up to date evidence based information about the impact of neglect upon the child and what works in the prevention of and response to neglect.

Who is it for?

This 2-day course is for managers and front line practitioners across the range of LSCB partner agencies. It is particularly suitable for those with a specific responsibility for safeguarding children including those professionals involved in the assessment of children in need and those involved in complex cases.

Participants must already have a sound understanding of the issues in relation to safeguarding children including definitions, signs, symptoms and categories of child abuse, the legal context, roles, responsibilities and safeguarding processes. The Durham LSCB Level 2 Safeguarding Course or the online Level 1 e-Learning programme will be suitable for this pre-requisite knowledge.

Aim

- ✓ To raise the profile of neglect as a form of child maltreatment.
- ✓ To improve professional responses to children who are being neglected.

Objectives

By the end of the course participants will be able to:

- ✓ identify what is meant by neglect and the context within this occurs
- ✓ understand the impact that neglect has on children
- ✓ highlight the key messages about neglect from Serious Case Reviews in Durham
- ✓ consider thresholds for professional intervention and referral to Safeguarding & Specialist Services
- ✓ consider available tools in the assessment of neglect cases
- ✓ consider the role of professional dangerousness when working with neglecting families.

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

Locality	Date	Time	Venue
Durham	Thur 22 & Fri 23 April 2010	9.15-4.30	To be confirmed
Sedgefield	Tues 11 & Wed 12 May 2010	9.15-4.30	Aycliffe Conference Centre
Dales	Wed 16 & Thur 17 June 2010	9.15-4.30	To be confirmed
Derwentside	Thurs 8 & Fri 9 July 2010	9.15-4.30	Stanley Education Centre
Easington	Mon 27 & Tues 28 Sept 2010	9.15-4.30	East Durham College
Sedgefield	Thur 28 & Fri 29 Oct 2010	9.15-4.30	Aycliffe Conference Centre
Durham	Mon 6 & Tues 7 Dec 2010	9.15-4.30	To be confirmed