



## 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	Thu 13 January 2011	9.15am-4.30pm	Fostering and Adoption Centre Langley Moor
Easington	Mon 24 January 2011	9.15am-4.30pm	Health Partnership Centre Building 2 Bracken Hill Fern Court
Derwentside	Wed 9 February 2011	9.15am-4.30pm	To be confirmed
Dales	Thu 3 March 2011	9.15am-4.30pm	Durham Dales Centre, Stanhope
Sedgefield	Fri 25 March	9.15am-4.30pm	Council Offices Green Lane
Derwentside	Tue 5 April	9.15am-4.30pm	Stanley Education Centre
Durham	Tue 19 April	9.15am-4.30pm	Durham Town Hall
Dales	Thu 5 May 2011	9.15am-4.30pm	Durham Dales Centre, Stanhope
Sedgefield	Wed 18 May 2011	9.15am-4.30pm	Greenfield Community Arts College
Durham	Wed 15 June 2011	9.15am-4.30pm	Durham Town Hall
Easington	Mon 27 June 2011	9.15am-4.30pm	Health Partnership Centre Building 2 Bracken Hill Fern Court
Dales	Wed 13 July 2011	9.15am-4.30pm	Durham Dales Centre, Stanhope
Sedgefield	Thu 28 July 2011	9.15am-4.30pm	Greenfield Community Arts College
Durham	Tue 2 August 2011	9.15am-4.30pm	Fostering & Adoption Centre Langley Moor
Easington	Fri 16 September 2011	9.15am-4.30pm	Health Partnership Centre Building 2 Bracken Hill Fern Court
Dales	Tue 20 September 2011	9.15am-4.30pm	Evenwood Children's Centre
Durham	Mon 17 October 2011	9.15am-4.30pm	Durham Town Hall
Derwentside	Fri 28 October 2011	9.15am-4.30pm	Stanley Education Centre

Easington	Tue 22 November 2011	9.15am-4.30pm	Health Partnership Centre Building 2 Bracken Hill Fern Court
Derwentside	Wed 30 November 2011	9.15am-4.30pm	Stanley Education Centre
Sedgefield	Mon 19 December 2011	9.15am-4.30pm	Greenfield Community Arts College Newton Aycliffe