



# 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

<b>Locality</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Dales	Thu 6 January 2011	9.15am-4.30pm	To be confirmed
Sedgefield	Mon 17 January 2011	9.15am-4.30pm	Council Offices Green Lane
Durham	Wed 2 February 2011	9.15am-4.30pm	Fostering & Adoption Centre
Easington	Mon 21 February 2011	9.15am-4.30pm	East Durham College
Derwentside	Fri 11 March 2011	9.15am-4.30pm	To be confirmed
Sedgefield	Tue 22 March 2011	9.15am-4.30pm	Council Offices Green Lane
Durham	Mon 4 April 2011	9.15am-4.30pm	Durham Town Hall
Easington	Fri 6 May 2011	9.15am-4.30pm	Health Partnership Centre Building 2 Bracken Hill Fern Court
Dales	Tue 17 May 2011	9.15am-4.30pm	Evenwood Children's Centre
Sedgefield	Mon 6 June 2011	9.15am-4.30pm	Greenfield Community Arts College Newton Aycliffe
Durham	Tue 5 July 2011	9.15am-4.30pm	Fostering & Adoption Centre Langley Moor
Easington	Wed 20 July 2011	9.15am-4.30pm	Health Partnership Centre Building 2 Bracken Hill Fern Court
Derwentside	Wed 3 August 2011	9.15am-4.30pm	Moorside Children's Centre
Sedgefield	Thu 8 September 2011	9.15am-4.30pm	Greenfield Community Arts College Newton Aycliffe
Durham	Wed 28 September 2011	9.15am-4.30pm	Fostering and Adoption Centre Langley Moor

Easington	Mon 3 October 2011	9.15am-4.30pm	East Durham College
Derwentside	Tue 11 October	9.15am-4.30pm	Stanley Education Centre
Sedgefield	Tue 8 November 2011	9.15am-4.30pm	Greenfield Community Arts College
Durham	Thu 1 December 2011	9.15am-4.30pm	Fostering & Adoption Centre Langley Moor
Dales	Wed 7 December	9.15am-4.30pm	Durham Dales Centre, Stanhope