Advanced Safeguarding Children (Level 2)

If your job role involves working frequently with children and/or their families, it's essential that you have an in-depth knowledge of safeguarding practices and procedures. This Advanced Safeguarding Children course builds upon your existing knowledge of safeguarding children and child protection through a variety of written text and interactive exercises.

The course will remind you about the different types of maltreatment, how to report your concerns and what happens after a referral is made to social care. It also provides you with information about the safeguarding framework, how to assess whether a child is at risk and the level of risk they are at, and the roles that different professionals play in safeguarding.

Module One: Safeguarding and Child Protection

This module builds on your understanding of safeguarding and safeguarding culture, as well as outlining your responsibilities. It also covers key legislation and how organisations can work together to safeguard children.

- Defining safeguarding and child protection
- Responsibilities
- A culture of safeguarding
- Professional curiosity
- Key child protection and safeguarding legislation
- Working Together to Safeguarding Children

Module Two: The Safeguarding Framework

This module explains the safeguarding framework, including different levels of need and universal services, as well as child protection concerns and extra-familial safeguarding.

- Levels of need
- No additional needs
- Early help
- Child in need
- Child protection concerns
- Extra-familial safeguarding

Module Three: Recognising the Categories of Abuse

This module covers different types of abuse and neglect, and outlines the general indicators that maltreatment is occurring so you know how to identify if abuse and/or neglect is present.

- General indicators of maltreatment
- Neglect
- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Emotional abuse

Module Four: Recognising Different Types of Maltreatment

This module outlines different types of maltreatment, such as online abuse, and their indicators so you can recognise possible safeguarding and child protection concerns.

- Domestic abuse
- Online abuse
- Child on child abuse
- Other specific types of maltreatment

Module Five: Risks and Vulnerabilities

This module covers additional vulnerabilities and explains the parent risk factors that can impact children. Adultification and adverse childhood experiences are also discussed in relation to increasing a child's vulnerability.

- Additional vulnerabilities
- Parent risk factors
- Adultification
- Adverse childhood experiences

Module Six: Responding to and Sharing Concerns

This module explains how to respond to safeguarding concerns and disclosures, including what you should record, how to share information and how to make a referral.

- Disclosures
- Sharing concerns
- What to record
- Concerns regarding adults in your organisation
- Sharing information
- Talking to parents and carers
- Making referrals

Module Seven: What Happens After a Referral and the Escalation Process

This module outlines what happens after a referral is made, including early help assessments and statutory assessments, and how to escalate a concern if necessary.

- The assessment process
- Early Help assessments
- Statutory assessments
- Section 47 enquiries
- Child protection conferences
- What response is needed?
- Disagreeing with decisions

Module Eight: Safeguarding Children in Education

This module contains optional content for those working in education and explains the relevant legislation, policies and procedures, as well as roles and responsibilities.

- Education-specific legislation and guidance
- Policies and procedures
- Children with additional vulnerabilities
- Roles and responsibilities

Aims of the training

By the end of this course, you will be able to:

- Describe what safeguarding and child protection are and why they are important.
- Outline key legislation and the statutory framework which underpin safeguarding practice.
- Recognise the learnings from Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews.
- Identify different types of maltreatment and indicators of potential concerns.
- Identify additional vulnerabilities and risk factors for children.
- Recognise the impact trauma and abuse have on children.
- Recognise the roles of different agencies and identify when and how to work with them.
- Respond appropriately to children's differing levels of need within the safeguarding framework, applying guidance from local threshold documents.
- Follow best practice when making a referral.