

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AWARENESS

COURSE CONTENT OVERVIEW



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Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) is a complex issue and one that everyone who works with children, young people and/or their families should have a good understanding of. This Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness course helps practitioners to learn more about how young people become involved in CSE, how it impacts their lives and how best to respond to ensure that children are safeguarded from abuse. Throughout the training learners will develop their knowledge of CSE and understand how to react to concerns appropriately and keep the young people that they work with safe from harm.

Module One: Introduction to CSE

This module explores why learning about child sexual exploitation is so important and looks at the definition of CSE provided by the UK government plus the models of exploitation from children's charity, Barnardo's.

- Why is training important?
- Who should take this course?
- What is child sexual exploitation?
- Exploring the definition in more detail
- Children most at risk
- Models of exploitation

Module Two: How Young People Become Involved in CSE

This module looks at what makes certain children more vulnerable to CSE than others and uses case studies to show how young people may be targeted for abuse. The module also outlines some of the key warning signs of exploitation to look out for.

- How do young people become involved?
- Vulnerability
- Case studies
- How young people are targeted
- What is known about perpetrators?
- Warning signs of exploitation
- CSE hotspots
- Online abuse

Module Three: How Young People React to CSE

This module explains the emotions and reactions that many children and young people have to CSE and shows how exploitation can impact on their lives. The module also looks at why many young people never disclose that they are being abused.

- Emotions that accompany CSE
- Why young people don't disclose abuse
- Why young people may return to their abusers
- Recognising CSE
- Talking about CSE
- The impact of sexual exploitation

Module Four: Best Practice for Responding to Concerns

This module outlines the responsibilities of practitioners in responding to concerns about CSE and looks at making a referral to social care plus the importance of raising awareness of CSE issues amongst children and other professionals.

- Your responsibilities
- Making a referral
- The role of social care
- Child protection plans
- The role of the police
- The roles of other services
- The role of local safeguarding children partnerships
- Raising awareness
- Further reading

Aims of the Training

By the end of this course learners will:

- Understand why learning about child sexual exploitation is important for practitioners.
- Understand what is meant by CSE and know which children are most at risk.
- Have an awareness of how young people may become involved in, or targeted for, CSE.
- Understand the ways in which a young person may react to abuse, including why they may not disclose information and the emotions they may feel.
- Have knowledge of the impact that CSE can have on young people.
- Understand what constitutes best practice for responding to concerns, including making a referral to social care.
- Know the roles that social care, the police and other services play in regards to preventing, responding to and raising awareness about CSE.