

COURSE CONTENT OVERVIEW

Child Neglect

This Child Neglect training course aims to help professionals who work with children, young people and/or their families understand more about neglect and the impact it has on a child's life.

The course explains what neglect actually is, why it may occur, and the effects it has on a child's physical and mental health and wellbeing. Throughout the training, learners will understand how to recognise the most common warning signs that indicate neglect is taking place, and will know how to respond appropriately to any concerns about child abuse and neglect.

Module One: What is Child Neglect?

This module outlines what is meant by the term 'neglect' and details the different types of neglect that a child may experience. The module uses the example of Khyra Ishaq to highlight the importance of recognising neglect and responding to concerns.

- What is neglect?
- Types of neglect
- The effects of neglect
- Case example - Khyra Ishaq
- Which children are at risk?

Module Two: Recognising the Impact of Neglect

This module provides information on the importance of recognising when a child is experiencing neglect. The module uses a range of case examples to highlight how neglect may present itself in real life and encourages learners to consider the impact that neglect has on a child's development.

- Recognising neglect
- Case examples
- Understanding why neglect happens
- The impact of neglect on brain development
- The impact of neglect on relationships
- The impact of neglect on physical and mental health
- Other types of abuse

Module Three: Indicators of Neglect

This module explains the most common warning signs to look out for that may indicate a child is experiencing neglect. The module outlines each category of indicators that professionals should be familiar with.

- Warning signs of neglect
- Physical indicators
- Behavioural indicators
- Developmental indicators
- Parental behaviour
- The child's environment
- Considering the indicators
- Case example

Module Four: Responding to Concerns About Neglect

This module helps learners to consider when the warning signs of neglect become a cause for concern, and explains how to respond appropriately to any child protection issues. The module uses case examples to show how neglect may present itself in real life situations.

- When should neglect become a concern?
- When does neglect become a child protection issue?
- Case examples
- Responding to your concerns
- Early help
- Further resources
- Best practice

Aims of the training

By the end of this course, learners will:

- Understand what child neglect is, the effects it has on children, and which children are most at risk from neglect.
- Understand why neglect is considered a form of child abuse.
- Recognise the short and long-term impact that neglect has on children.
- Be able to recognise the common warning signs that indicate child neglect is taking place.
- Understand how to respond appropriately to concerns about neglect.