

## **Analysis and Assessment of Risk (Children & Families)**

A one or two day course

Understanding analysis and the assessment of risk provide the backbone to clear planning and intervention in family life.

This course provides an opportunity to explore an understanding of analysis and how to evidence this in assessments in order to validate specific actions in family life.

**WHO IS THIS FOR?** Any professional within the multi-agency network working with children and families where assessment is a strong factor.

### Learning Outcomes: One day Course:

On completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Understand the concept of risk assessment and management;
- Apply the practical application of thresholds and criteria in analysing risk;
- Know about the indicators of abuse in potentially dangerous care/families;
- Have a working knowledge of the current tools in assessing 'risk'.

### Learning Outcomes for a further 1 or 2 day course:

Audience: Any professional within the multi-agency network, especially Social Care, who has a key and constant role in the assessment of children and families.

### Day 2 and 3:

- Explore the practical application of professional judgement and critical thinking to decision making when assessing risk using a few key current tools;
- Understand and evidence the thinking process in a clear and evidenced base approach to achieve best outcomes for children.
- Assess and manage risk in potentially dangerous families

### **Training Techniques**

Group exercises /case studies,/large group discussion Q&A/ Quiz/DVD clips.

**Programme** (can be amended).

**ONE DAY COURSE:**

- Session 1** Introductions  
Why child abuse happens and what is required from any parent.  
Threshold exercise and discussion.
- Session 2** Legal framework and protocols.  
The PW tool in practice.  
Analysis and risk/protective factors.  
Case study using the above information.  
The decision tree and its practical application.
- Session 3** Influences in the application of risk.  
DVD
- Session 4** Key indicators of abuse in dangerous care.  
Exercise. An SCR to put into context the learning from above.  
Summary on tools to assist.

**TWO DAY COURSE:**

As day one + the following

- Session 1** The stages of analysis using two methods.  
The cycle of change.  
Understanding the M of the Child and it's place in the assessment process.  
Exercise: Presenting own cases and how the above applies.
- Session 2** Exercise: The PW (summary assessment tool)
- Session 3.** Exercise: Prediction and large group discussion.  
Exercise: Exploring risk in chronic situations.
- Session 4** Groupwork: Exploring risk in chronic situations/dangerous care.  
Reflective exercise.