

# Online training course

## Sexual Abuse and an Introduction to Child Sexual Exploitation

### Introduction

Sexual abuse and child sexual exploitation (a form of sexual abuse) is an often hidden problem, which is poorly understood by practitioners, the police, the criminal justice system, the media, and the general public - and the simple truth is, if you can't recognise the signs and symptoms of sexual abuse you cannot protect children from the abuse.

Blackburn with Darwen LSCB have made it mandatory for all staff to complete a course on Child Sexual Exploitation and this course will enable you to meet this requirement.



### Audience

This course is intended for everyone who works with or has contact with children, young people and their families.

### Objectives

In this course you will:

- Learn why is it important to talk about and address child sexual abuse
- Learn the definition of sexual abuse
- Know who sexually abuses and exploits children
- Know the signs and symptoms of sexual abuse
- Recognise the points to consider where sexual abuse is suspected
- Learn the definition of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)
- Learn about the current attitudes to CSE
- Know the types of CSE offender
- Learn about the different models of CSE abuse
- Learn how big the problem CSE is

### Modules

This course contains the following modules:

#### Module name

What is sexual abuse?

What is child sexual exploitation?

Pre-course assessment

Assessment

### Content

Here are some of the topics covered in this course:

What will stop child sexual abuse?; Important facts; What is sexual abuse?; Definition of Sexual Abuse; What if a child or young person consents?; Myths of Sexual Abuse; Has sexual abuse occurred?; Are these indicators of sexual abuse?; Is this sexual abuse?; Patterns of Behaviour; Signs of sexual abuse; Cause for concern; Assumptions; Effects on children; Severity of impact; Can victims recover?; How does a child cope?; The relationships between CSE and child sexual abuse; Protecting a child from abuse; The problem with child sexual exploitation; High profile cases; Which of these involve CSE?; A definition of CSE; My Dangerous Loverboy; Who are the offenders?; How do they do it?; How big is the problem?