Training for Independent Child Protection Conference Chairs
Child protection planning in cases involving child sexual abuse

The purpose of a Child Protection Conference is ‘to bring together and analyse, in an inter-agency setting, all relevant information and plan how best to safeguard and promote the welfare of the child.

It is the responsibility of the conference to make recommendations on how agencies work together to safeguard the child in future’ (Working Together to Safeguard Children 2013).

This one day workshop provides an opportunity for Independent Child Protection Conference Chairs to consider conference planning and decision making in relation to cases involving child sexual abuse.

In such situations there are many considerations and often decision making is made more difficult by inappropriate denial or minimising by the alleged offender, the impact of the abuse on the child, and the implications for the protective carer and other family members.

Conference chairs are required to facilitate discussion concerning risks and family safety planning, and they must satisfy themselves that all parties understand how to work together to protect the child or young person.

Workshop aims:

Drawing on research and our work with sexual offenders, protective carers, children and young people, we will explore:

- The different styles of male sex offending, and how this can aid understanding and analysis of risk, and;
- How this helps understanding of the protective carers situation at the time of the abuse and after disclosure and the implications for safety planning.

By the end of the workshop conference chairs will have considered:

- The components of a child protection plan which takes into account knowledge and context of offender behaviour
- Family safety planning in situations involving both contact offenders and alleged internet offenders
- The role of other agencies in contributing to the child protection plan

We are able to provide bespoke training or you may wish to nominate staff to attend one of our national workshops.

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