

Safeguarding Children E-Learning Programme

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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN E-LEARNING

A number of e-learning courses hosted by the Virtual College are available and they are free to all organisations who are members of Stockton-on-Tees and Hartlepool LSCBs (including the voluntary sector) as part of the joint multi agency training agreement.

How do I access the training?

For courses provided by **Virtual College** - Complete the registration form and forward to SLSCB Business Support, Democratic Services, Municipal Buildings, Church Road, Stockton-on-Tees TS18 1LD or slscb@stockton.gov.uk. Alternatively you can send an email advising which course you want to apply for. You will need to be explicit about the course you wish to do and provide your full contact details, including Job Title and who you work for.

For free **National / Regional courses** – Follow the links which start on page 4 for online registration.

Stockton-on-Tees & Hartlepool LSCB Members

Once you have completed and returned your registration form you will receive an email containing your log on details. To access your training you simply need to log in to **www.safeguardingchildrenea.co.uk** where you will find the training and quiz links for each of your training modules. Work through the interactive material for each module and, when you feel ready, undertake the relevant quiz. You will receive instant feedback on your quiz answers and your score will appear on your training record. If you get less than the pass mark you can review the training materials again and just re-sit the quiz when you feel ready

Private and Profit Making Organisations

Private and profit-making organisations need to apply direct to Virtual College to access e-learning training; however there is a charge for learners. To support safeguarding children training we have negotiated a discount with the Virtual College to obtain this discount code contact slscb@stockton.gov.uk. Applicants would then contact the Virtual College, quoting this code, to book a course.

Virtual College contact details are: - tel. 01943 605976 and info@virtual-college.co.uk.

What is e-learning?

The e-Learning training material supplied by the e-Academy can be accessed from any computer with an internet connection and this gives the flexibility of being able to work at a time and place that is convenient. The interactive modules provide an enjoyable learning experience which also tests knowledge and progress, and provides a record of your achievement

How long will it take?

You should work at your own pace but, as a guide, it should take you approximately 2-3 hours per training module and around 10 minutes for the associated quiz questions. You do not have to complete the training all in one session

Accreditation

On completion of the training and quiz test you will be able to download a virtual college certificate

Additional Information

If you have concerns that a child is being abused or neglected, or that they may be at risk of harm, you should contact:

- First Contact, Stockton-on-Tees. **Tel: (01642) 527764**
- email: firstcontactchildren@stockton.gov.uk or
- Emergency Duty Team (outside office hours) Tel: 08702 40299

In an emergency, contact the Police

Stockton & Hartlepool LSCB e-learning programme in association with:

Safeguarding Children Refresher Training

This course is suitable for people who already have an awareness of safeguarding or require refresher training which government guidance suggests should take place every three years. Whilst necessary, this can be costly for organisations and frustrating for staff, who may have heavy case loads and find it difficult to get away from work to attend a refresher course.

It has been developed in collaboration with experts from six Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs) and covers all the changes in safeguarding over the last three years. It is regularly updated to reflect changes and includes the following hot topics:

- Female Genital Mutilation
- Radicalisation
- Forced Marriage
- Child Trafficking
- Child Sexual Exploitation

This course has been redesigned by specialist illustrators and instructional designers to create innovative content with immersive real world scenarios to help professionals apply knowledge into everyday life.

An introduction to Safeguarding Children

This module is aimed at anyone who comes into contact with children or their families. The aim of the module is to concentrate on ways in which children and young people can 'stay safe' by minimising the incidence of child abuse and child neglect.

Awareness of Child Abuse and Neglect

Core Module (V7)

This course is suitable for everyone who works directly with children and young people, including frontline professionals. This course covers a variety of child protection and safeguarding children issues and is suitable for anyone who regularly comes into contact with children or who may be asked to contribute to the assessment of children in need. The course aims to inform about the various types of abuse and neglect that can happen to a child and then explain what you must do if you suspect a child is being abused or neglected.

This course allows you to choose the legislation which applies to your country, should it be England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland.

A section of this course looks into multi-agency cooperation focusing specifically at Police, Social Services, Social Housing, Healthcare, Education (Early Years, Primary, Secondary, Further or Higher), Prisons, Secure Units, Probation, Youth Justice Youth Groups Community Groups & Voluntary groups.

Foundation Module

This course is suitable for anyone who may come into contact with children. It is a reduced version of the safeguarding children (core) course and it is designed to be suitable for all, not just child specialists.

An Introduction to Integrated Working (The Early Help Assessment/Lead Professional/Information Sharing)

This basic awareness course is made up of three learning objectives: The Early Help Assessment, information sharing and the role of the lead professional. The course will give you an in depth understanding of these topic areas so that you can confidently discuss the concepts with families, should you need to. It will provide underpinning knowledge for lead professionals or practitioners, prior to face to face training. The course comes with an online assessment and certificate on achieving a satisfactory pass mark.

Risk Assessment in Safeguarding

The aim of this module is to help practitioners from all agencies develop an understanding of theories of risk assessment, and become competent and confident in applying them when working with children, young people and their families. This course aims to be a tool for analysing risk and identifying:

- Needs when working to strengthen families
- Model of assessment
- Risk assessment framework
- Triggers for concerns
- Information sharing

Hidden Harm (Substance Misuse)

The Hidden Harm course, developed by 5 national drug and alcohol teams and peer reviewed by panels of experts in the field, aims to raise awareness of the issues affecting the children of problem substance users. It helps the learner to spot the signs of harm and identify appropriate windows of opportunity to break the cycle and safeguard the child. The course has recently been updated and reflects new drugs, new legislation and includes some new documents as well.

Think Safe, Be Safe, Stay Safe

This module is aimed at young people aged 11-18 yrs who work with children or other young people, for example, as young volunteers, peer mentors, babysitters, etc.

Safe Sleeping for Babies – Reducing the Risk of SIDS

This course is for any person in any work or family setting in contact with a baby, including the voluntary sector, nursery staff, healthcare assistants/professionals, social workers etc. Also known as cot death, or Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, SID is the sudden, unexpected and unexplained death of an apparently well infant. In the UK, at least 300 babies die suddenly and unexpectedly every year. Being able to reduce the risk of any sudden, unexpected and unexplained death of an apparently well infant is a tremendous opportunity for everyone involved in a baby's care.

This e-learning course has been developed to promote and support key safe baby sleeping messages, raising the awareness of parents, family members or other people who come into contact with families. On completion, learners will have an increased understanding of what can be done to keep sleeping babies as safe as possible.

On completion of this course learners will know:

- Your key messages
- How to keep sleeping babies safe
- How to locate and provide supplementary resources.

National / Regional e-Learning Courses

The following National / Regional Free e-Learning Courses are also available. Please note that Stockton LSCB **do not host** or **have responsibility** for these external non SLSCB commissioned courses.

Adult Safeguarding Course

- Safeguarding Adults
- Mental Capacity Act
- Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards
- Awareness of Child / Adult Sexual Exploitation

Access is available via the Tees Safeguarding Adults Board our online registration process at: <http://www.tsab.org.uk/training>

Against Violence & Abuse (AVA) e-learning

AVA has a selection of e-learning courses available. Below you can see information about all of their courses. Some of these courses are free, and some are available to specific organisations.

To access any of these courses, click on the Title link for the course you wish to complete. This will take you to the registration page. You need to register as a user on the e-learning platform. You will then receive an email asking you to confirm your registration. Please be sure to complete this important step otherwise you will not be able to access the courses. The email asking for confirmation may end up in your spam folder.

You will need to register separately for each course you do. If you have any difficulties registering or logging in, please contact the site administrator at training@avaproject.org.uk

[Understanding domestic violence and abuse level 1 and 2](#)

- In February 2014, the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) issued guidance for health and social care practitioners on responding to domestic violence in their practice. The guidance outlined four levels of training for differing professionals groups. This e-learning programme will enable to meet level 1 & 2 of the NICE recommended training and is applicable to all health and social care professionals.

- [Complicated matters: domestic and sexual violence, problematic substance use and mental ill-health](#)

Domestic and sexual violence, problematic substance use and mental ill-health are three issues which often co-exist. And when they do, things can become complicated. This course is designed to 'uncomplicate' matters by raising your awareness about how the three issues interlink and reflecting on the most effective ways to engage with individuals and families who are affected by these issues.

This course has been developed alongside a toolkit for professionals who work with victims or perpetrators of domestic and sexual violence who are also affected by problematic substance use and/or mental ill-health. You will find links to the toolkit throughout the course. Otherwise, you can download the full toolkit [here](#).

- [Pushed and Pulled](#)

This e-learning module is based on an OCN [accredited training course](#) developed by [AVA](#) and [Women and Girls Network](#). Through the e-learning programme, you will develop a sound understanding of the experiences of vulnerable and gang-affected young women. You will learn to identify the abuse young women are vulnerable to and learn strategies to engage and support vulnerable young women who may also be at risk of gang involved or are already gang-associated.

Child Sexual Exploitation & Trafficking Courses

- **Parents Against Child Sexual Exploitation (Pace) - CSE**

Thousands of children in the UK are at risk of being forced or manipulated into sexual activity in a form of abuse called child sexual exploitation. This abuse can happen to any child, anywhere. Knowing what to look for is an important way you can help to protect your children.

This course will help you to:
Understand child sexual exploitation
Find out how to spot the signs
Know who to report any concerns to

To access this course please use the following link

<https://safeguardingchildren.vc-tms.co.uk/selfregistration.aspx?version=9679>

▪ **Brook CSE E-learning Resource**

Combating CSE: an e-learning resource for healthcare professionals has been designed for use by all staff in healthcare settings – from doctors and nurses to receptionists, paramedics, and pharmacists.

Developed by Brook and funded by the Department of Health, the tool is designed to help healthcare staff in preventing, identifying and responding to child sexual exploitation.

The tool takes around 40 minutes to complete and uses video clips and anonymous case studies to develop staff's knowledge of the signs of CSE. It was extensively piloted with staff from a variety of different health roles, from frontline to back office.

The tool sets out the legislative background to CSE, gives examples of physical and behavioural signs of someone who may be affected by or at risk of CSE, advises how to respond in a way that will not put the young person in further danger, and discusses the different forms CSE can take, along with how approaches to helping young people may vary by age group.

The tool can be freely accessed, [here](http://cse.brook.org.uk/story.html). (<http://cse.brook.org.uk/story.html>)

▪ **ECPAT UK 'In Your Hands' e-learning course on child trafficking**

This is a free resource which is appropriate for all professionals who may work with children who may have been trafficked. This course provides you with an awareness of the main issues around victim identification and what steps to take to provide support to a child victim of trafficking.

To access this course please use the following link <http://course.ecpat.org.uk/>.

▪ **Every Child, Everywhere - Child Protection Training in the Travel Industry**

This e-learning course focuses on safeguarding children from exploitation in travel and tourism, preventing child exploitation and abuse, including child trafficking. 'Every Child, Everywhere' has been fully endorsed by ABTA, the main travel industry association in the UK, and in addition, has been mapped against National Occupational Standards for Continued Professional Development points in the ABTA Accredited Travel Professional Training scheme. This interactive, simple to use course consists of 3 modules.

- Module 1: *Following Child Protection Policies & Procedures*
- Module 2: *Implementing Child Protection Policies & Procedures*
- Module 3: *Developing Child Protection Policy and Procedures*

To access this course please use the following link www.everychildeverywhere.com.

Female Genital Mutilation Courses:

▪ **Home Office & Virtual College – FREE FGM E-Learning Course**

The Home Office has launched a free online training package dealing with female genital mutilation (FGM), developed with Virtual College who are the provider of our e-learning courses. The free online training provides professionals with an overview of FGM and their responsibilities in FGM cases, and how to support victims of it. The Home Office would like as many teachers, police, doctors, social workers and border staff in particular to undertake the training to help them identify and assist girls who are at risk of FGM. To access this course please use the following link <http://www.fgmelearning.co.uk/>

▪ **Health Education England FGM e-learning programme**

Health Education England courses are restricted to Health and Social Care Professionals in England Social Care professional employers need to be registered with the Skills for Care National Minimum Data Set for Social Care (NMDS-SC).

The Female Genital Mutilation programme (e-FGM) is made up of five 20 to 30 minute e-learning sessions which are designed to improve the knowledge and awareness amongst healthcare professionals of some of the issues which FGM has on women and children. To access this course please use the following link www.e-lfh.org.uk/programmes/female-genital-mutilation/

Forced Marriage

Approximately 8,000 to 10,000 forced marriages of British citizens take place every year. Forced marriage is now illegal and the first prosecutions have taken place. This free online course has been developed with the Forced Marriage Unit of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Home Office. The course raises awareness, challenge perceptions and informs you of the correct actions to take. To access this course please [Click here](#).

Gender Variance / Gender Dysphoria

The transgender condition is understood increasingly to have its origins before birth. Research studies indicate that the baby's brain development does not always coincide with the sex differentiation of the baby's body. This overwhelming sense of feeling like the opposite gender causes strong discomfort and is called gender dysphoria.

The resource contains three 15 minute modules:

- An introduction to gender variant children & adolescents
- Creating supportive environments for young gender variant people
- Information about medical interventions and front line support.

Working in partnership with [GIRES](#) (the Gender Identity Research and Education Society) the Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust has created a free e-learning course, funded by Health Education England that attracts CPD points to help staff understand the needs of transgender children and adolescents. To access this course please use the following link <http://www.nlmcontent.nesc.nhs.uk/sabp/gv/>

Information Sharing

Information Sharing Matters is a free education programme designed for the early years workforce and healthcare professionals about information sharing in early years. It can be accessed here at <http://www.rcpch.ac.uk/informationsharingmatters>.

Developed by the RCPCH and 4 Children and funded by the Department of Health, the e-learning aims to improve knowledge and understanding of the benefits of sharing information effectively between families and a range of professionals including paediatricians, health visitors, GPs, therapists, childminders and pre-school and nursery teachers. It is designed to help build trust between professionals leading to better sharing of information and improved outcomes for young children and their families.

Information Sharing Matters is designed to improve your knowledge, skills and understanding of the benefits of effectively sharing information in a professional context. It is made up of online and face-to-face resources supporting the training of individuals and multidisciplinary teams.

On completion of this programme you will be able to:

- explain what information can and cannot be shared in a context of integrated working
- describe the range of benefits to children and families related to information sharing, with a focus on improving outcomes
- use and share good practice with your colleagues and between individuals and organisations
- support improved information sharing, helping to build trust between professionals and improving outcomes for young children and their families

Mental Health

▪ The MindEd Core Curriculum

The MindEd Core Curriculum is directly aimed at all adults working as professionals or volunteers with children and young people and is not aimed specifically at a specialist child mental health audience. It offers e-learning to inform about the mental health of children and young people, what goes wrong and what can be done to help. It provides a wealth of information on child development, how problems show and will give practical insights into when to be concerned, what to do and when to refer on to specialists.

The organisation realises that you may have little or no training in mental health issues in children and young people. These sessions are intended to provide you with guidance and support. They will increase your knowledge and build your confidence. However, they cannot replace formal training in these complex issues.

To access the MindEd Core Curriculum e-learning courses please use the following link <https://www.minded.org.uk/mod/page/view.php?id=1259>

Radicalisation & Terrorism

▪ **PREVENT / Channel Awareness**

Prevent is about safeguarding young people to keep them both safe and within the law. It is part of the Home Office's Counter Terrorism Strategy known as Contest. The Prevent Duty is not about preventing young people from having political and religious views and concerns but about supporting them to use those concerns or act on them in non-extremist ways.

This free e-learning course from the Home Office includes information on how Channel links to the government's counter-terrorism strategy (CONTEST) through the Prevent strategy. It also provides guidance on how to identify people who may be vulnerable to radicalisation and how to refer them into the Channel programme. To access this course please use the following link [Channel General Awareness Course](#)

Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) Courses

The SCIE offer free e-learning modules on a variety of topics including;

- [Parental Substance Misuse](#),
- [Parental Mental Health and the Impact on Families](#)
- [Poverty, Parenting and Social Exclusion](#)
- [Interagency and inter-professional collaboration](#)
- [Communication Skills](#)

The modules are aimed at social workers however they are freely accessible to all users.

To access this course please use the following link <http://www.scie.org.uk/publications/elearning/index.asp>

The Care Act 2014

The Care Act 2014 is a major piece of social care legislation which came into being on 1st April 2015. The Care Act and its underlying principles are not just aimed at Health and Social Care professionals; they affect all services that provide support to people. For that reason we would encourage everyone to learn more. SBC have been given the opportunity to provide online training on the Care Act free of charge for the next 12 months and would suggest that you do module 1 – the introduction and module 13 – safeguarding as a minimum and you can access the other modules if they are relevant.

Registration for the modules will be through the Workforce Development administration team for local authority workers. Email: adultselearningcsc@stockton.gov.uk External partners will be able to self-register.