

# Understanding Child Sexual Abuse

## And its effects on children & young people



... Specialist training, consultancy & advice

Working with those affected by child sexual abuse requires more than an awareness of the signs and symptoms of abuse. It also necessitates a sound understanding of sex offender dynamics, the impact of trauma and the strategies used by children to cope with the abuse.

Our one-day course will enhance your understanding about child sexual abuse and its effects, and will be of interest to all practitioners required to investigate, assess, intervene, care for or support individuals or families affected by abuse.



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# Understanding child sexual abuse and its effects on children and young people

## A course for those working with or caring for children, young people and families who have been affected by child sexual abuse

This training course draws upon our knowledge about sex offending and trauma to give you a better understanding of the effects of child sexual abuse and the implications for investigation, assessment, intervention and care.

### Course aims

With a specialist background in child sexual abuse work, our facilitators will explore:

- Myths and facts about child sexual abuse
- How sexual abuse happens and the dynamics of such abuse
- How a basic knowledge of adult sex offending patterns can increase our understanding of the effects upon children and help us better understand and meet their needs
- How sexual abuse might affect a child's behaviour and development
- The child's perspective
- Key issues for assessment, intervention and therapeutic care
- The need for different agencies to adopt an integrated approach to such work
- When specialist advice, consultation or intervention is needed
- Issues and dilemmas about therapeutic provision.

The course is suitable for those with no previous knowledge or experience in this area as well as more experienced professionals. It will be of interest to social workers, police, therapists, education and health professionals, carers and anyone involved in the care and support of children and families affected by child sexual abuse.

Practitioners working with adult offenders or non-offending partners might also find this course will assist them in their work

**Booking for 15 Dec 2009 (Birmingham), 27 Jan 2010 (Bristol) and 24 Feb 2010 (Surrey)**  
or call us to arrange group training at your own premises on another date.

We provide a comprehensive range of services, including training and consultancy for professionals and assessments and intervention for children, adolescents, adults and families affected by sexual abuse.

For further details, visit our website, [www.lucyfaithfull.org](http://www.lucyfaithfull.org)

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