

DSP Safeguarding Training Programme (July 2025)

<p>Children's Safeguarding Level One</p> <p>Both delivered sessions and e-learning modules available. This training is aimed at professionals whose work brings them into contact with children and families and provides an introduction on the subject of safeguarding children and child protection.</p> <p><i>This course covers—Introduction to child abuse, recognising abuse and neglect, disclosures and raising a concern</i></p>	<p>Adult Safeguarding Level One</p> <p>Both delivered sessions and e-learning modules available. For professionals whose work brings them into contact with Adults who are/or maybe eligible for services or are vulnerable or at risk of abuse.</p> <p><i>This course covers—introduction to adult safeguarding, recognising abuse and neglect, and raising a safeguarding concern</i></p>
<p>Children's Safeguarding Level Two</p> <p>Both delivered sessions and e-learning modules available. For those staff who work regularly with children and families who have considerable professional and organisational responsibility for safeguarding and promoting children's welfare and be able to act on welfare concerns and be able to contribute appropriately for safeguarding processes.</p> <p><i>This course covers— responding to a disclosure, referring safeguarding concerns and recognising poor practice</i></p>	<p>Adult Safeguarding Level Two</p> <p>Both delivered sessions and e-learning modules available. For those staff who have considerable professional and organisational responsibility for safeguarding adults at risk of harm and who need to be able to act on concerns and contribute appropriately to safeguarding processes.</p> <p><i>This course covers—safeguarding duties and responsibilities, information sharing and confidentiality, safeguarding enquiries and managing the concern</i></p>
<p>Children's Safeguarding Level Three DSL training</p> <p>For Designated Safeguarding Leads or deputies working in the education sector. This session is for designated safeguarding leads and deputy designated safeguarding leads working in education settings.</p> <p><i>This course covers— the role of the DSL/DDSL, education specific legislation, culture of vigilance, recording and reporting and working with other professionals/agencies</i></p>	<p>Adult Safeguarding Level Three</p> <p>For professionals who are responsible for carrying out formal enquiries in Darlington as defined by the Care Act 2014. This course is for those who manage/lead safeguarding within their organisation and who liaise with other professionals regarding safeguarding processes.</p> <p><i>This course covers— planning, carrying out and completing an enquiry, exploring approaches and good practice and working collaboratively</i></p>

<p>Child Exploitation with Barnardo's</p> <p>For those professionals who have particular responsibility for undertaking child protection enquiries and who work with complex cases e.g. professionals from Children's Social Care, The Police, Health and Education. Training at this level is for staff who hold professional or organisational authority and a substantial degree of personal responsibility and autonomy to act on child welfare concerns.</p> <p><i>This course covers — the different types of exploitation, signs and indicators, recognising who is at risk and understanding how to raise concerns and make referrals</i></p>	<p>Child sexual exploitation - Level 1 and 2</p> <p>The course has been designed to help anyone who works with children and young people safeguard them from Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE). In this course you will learn what CSE is and learn about CSE from the perspective of the offenders and the victims. You will also learn about key role mobile and internet technology plays in CSE and about the differences between gang and group CSE.</p> <p><i>This course covers—what child sexual exploitation is, how an offender may behave, identifying warning signs, the role of the internet and social media and risk assessment and intervention</i></p>
<p>Online safety - Risks to children</p> <p>Most children use the Internet positively but they can sometimes behave in ways that may place themselves at risk. Knowing the potential risks and being able to encourage responsible and safe use of the internet is vital to help safeguard children online.</p> <p><i>This course covers— what the risks are, damaging content and behaviours and online abuse and exploitation</i></p>	<p>Criminal exploitation and county lines</p> <p>Criminal exploitation is a huge issue that involves people all over the world. It's a very real problem, and is extremely difficult and dangerous for victims of exploitation to get help. This course will help you to become more aware of criminal exploitation and its different forms, and to understand what signs to look out for and how to respond.</p> <p><i>This course covers — spotting the signs of criminal exploitation, recognising who is at risk, county lines and how to support victims</i></p>

<p>Safeguarding children with disabilities</p> <p>Many of us find it hard to understand how anyone could abuse any child, let alone a child with disabilities. Yet this refusal to accept the abuse of disabled children often means that practitioners disregard the signs of abuse, therefore allowing the abuse to continue.</p> <p><i>This course covers— abuse and neglect issues that are specific to children with disabilities and recognising and communicating abuse</i></p>	<p>Adult self-neglect</p> <p>Recognising and addressing self-neglect can be a challenging task, as it often goes unnoticed by the individual experiencing it. This course aims to equip you with the necessary knowledge and skills to identify the signs and symptoms of self-neglect. Whether you work with vulnerable adults directly or indirectly, understanding self-neglect is crucial for promoting their well-being and providing appropriate support.</p> <p><i>This course covers— identifying signs of self-neglect, tools to use to effectively address issues and supporting adults who self-neglect</i></p>
<p>Sexual abuse and recognising grooming</p> <p>Child sexual abuse is incredibly common but can be hard for adults to spot. In this course we dive into what child sexual abuse is, what it's long-lasting effects can be and how to spot the signs of it occurring so we can work together as a society to prevent child sexual abuse in the world.</p> <p><i>This course covers— how to identify indicators of sexual abuse and what the effects can be and also what grooming is and how communities and schools can spot indicators effectively</i></p>	<p>Mental Capacity Act</p> <p>This course considers the core principles legislated for under the Mental Capacity Act 2005. You'll learn how to make decisions in a person's best interests, how to accurately assess someone's mental capacity. Through comprehensive overviews, you'll also understand about making advance decisions, the role of the Court of Protection and Independent Mental Capacity Advocates (IMCAs), and how mental capacity assessment works.</p> <p><i>This course covers—the core principles of the Act, assessing capacity, protection and deprivation of liberty and decision making</i></p>
<p>Domestic abuse and intimate partner violence</p> <p>Unfortunately we still live in a world where many people have to endure a life of misery and abuse in their own homes. In this course, we will deepen our knowledge of domestic abuse and explore avenues for reporting and supporting those in need, ultimately, helping us to remain proactive and vigilant in the continued struggle against abuse.</p> <p><i>This course covers — understanding domestic abuse, identifying different forms of abuse and ways of supporting and signposting victims</i></p>	<p>Eyes Wide Open</p> <p>As a professional working with vulnerable individuals, identifying fire hazards can often be overlooked—but it is critical. This course is provided by the Fire Service and is aimed at anybody who works with families or adults at risk and particularly those who visit adults at home where hazards and risks can be identified.</p> <p><i>This course covers—recognising warning signs of fire risks in the home of vulnerable individuals, understanding the role of the Fire Service and how they can assist and how to prevent fire-related incidents</i></p>

We have information, resources and links available on the DSP website regarding many other training opportunities online and also resources and podcasts that may be useful as part of staff professional development. Some of the safeguarding areas covered by these links and resources are Prevent, FGM, Child Exploitation, Forced Marriage Awareness, MAPPA, Mental Capacity Act for 16 and 17 year olds, Modern Slavery, Self-Neglect, Elder Abuse and more. Please use the link below to explore this part of our training offer.

<https://www.darlington-safeguarding-partnership.co.uk/safeguarding-training/e-learning-and-additional-resources/>