

# Women Who Sexually Abuse Children



... Specialist training, consultancy & advice

There is a growing recognition that sexual abuse by women can remain undetected and under reported. Research suggests that professionals as well as the general public often struggle to make sense of the challenges that female sexual abuse presents.

Our one-day course draws on lessons learnt from research and practice to increase knowledge about female sexual abuse and develop skills for engaging with these women in a gender responsive way. It will be of interest to practitioners from health and social care, education and criminal justice.



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# Women who sexually abuse children: challenging perceptions and awareness training

This training course will be suitable for practitioners needing to develop their understanding of the wider implications of female sexual abuse. It will also assist professionals to approach situations where female sexual abuse may have occurred with increased confidence and knowledge.

## Course aims

Drawing on research and our experience within the child protection and criminal justice systems, the course begins by looking at the difficulties encountered in identification of female sexual abuse. We consider:

- Challenges female abusers present to commonly held perceptions of female behaviour
- Implications for victims of our inability to 'hear' their disclosures.

This is followed by exploration of messages from research and practice regarding:

- Prevalence of female sexual abuse of children
- Similarities and differences identified between male and female sexual abusers
- Impact issues for victims of female abusers
- Characteristics of female abusers
- Common typologies and abuse patterns
- Skills which may assist in engaging the women in assessment or intervention interviews.

Delivery will include information, anonymised case examples, discussion and group exercises.

**Booking for 26 May (Surrey), 15 Jul (Bristol) and 15 Sep 2010 (Birmingham)**

Check the website for more dates or call us to arrange group training at your own premises.

We provide a comprehensive range of services, including training and consultancy for professionals, and direct work with sex offenders and their families.

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