

Missing Children

Course Description: This course explores local guidance on missing children and supports practitioners to understand their roles and responsibilities in identifying and supporting missing children and those at risk. It has been designed to provide participants with awareness and understanding of contexts, indicators and risk factors to effectively contribute to safeguarding children.

Target Group: All staff who may be in contact with children, young people and/or parents/carers who may become aware of possible abuse, neglect or missing children. Aimed at individuals and teams with a direct role in working with young people (individually or in a group setting)

Training Level: All levels - additional awareness training

Pre-Requisite Learning: We recommend delegates complete child protection training at Level 1 before attending this course

Aims/Objectives:

- Understand what is meant by the term 'missing children' and consider the different risk factors associated to when and why children go missing
- Explore what is known about missing children locally and nationally
- Understand practitioner roles in identifying, reporting and supporting missing children and those at risk
- Explore the local procedure which all organisations need to follow for dealing with missing children or those at risk
- To understand the challenges associated to working with children who go missing
- Understand links to other safeguarding issues such as criminal and sexual exploitation, trafficking and modern slavery
- Understand ways to assess risk and safeguard vulnerable children

Course Type: Classroom

Length of Course: ½ day

Valid for: One off training. Can be repeated as required

Cost: £50 to organisations that do not contribute to the Swindon LSCB budget
£25 for Early Years staff
Free of charge to all partner agencies

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