

Domestic Abuse Training in Worcestershire



Our free multi Agency Domestic Abuse training is available online via the Zoom platform

Facilitated by Sarah Wigley Associates. This training seeks to raise awareness and increase understanding of the dynamics of abuse, including coercive control. The training supports professionals to better identify, signpost and support victims as well as considering safe ways of responding to perpetrators. During the initial rollout 2019/2020 100% of delegates agreed they would recommend the training to a colleague. We have three modules of training available and ask participants to attend modules **in order** as the training is layered:

Module 1: Understanding And Responding To Domestic Abuse 09:30 - 16:00	Module 2: Working With Those Who Are, Or May be Experiencing Domestic Abuse 09:30 - 16:00	Module 3: Understanding And Working with Perpetrators 09:30 - 16:00
27 th September 2021	8 th October 2021	17 th November 2021
1 st October 2021	19 th October 2021	3 rd December 2021
5 th October 2021	3 rd November 2021	9 th December 2021
1 st November 2021	24 th November 2021	13 th December 2021
12 th November 2021	1 st December 2021	

Please see page 2 for the full details of the modules and the learning outcomes

How to apply

Click on the link to [book now and avoid disappointment](#) there are only 16 places per course* Please make sure you have your manager's approval before booking on these courses.

Please note: Whilst each of the modules below stand alone, the training is also layered across the three modules. The trainer will start each module with an expectation that attendees have the knowledge or expertise contained within the previous module.

Module 1: Understanding And Responding To Domestic Abuse

Suitable For: All health and social care professionals who come into contact with people who may be experiencing domestic abuse.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Increase awareness of the insidious nature of domestic abuse and the invisibility of coercion and control.
2. Provide information about the prevalence and statistics of domestic abuse
3. Increase confidence to be professionally curious and to ask about domestic abuse in a way that makes it easier and safer for people to disclose.
4. Increase understanding of victims' responses to domestic abuse including why they may stay in an abusive relationship
5. Explore the links between pregnancy and domestic abuse and the impacts on children both pre-birth and at various stages of development
6. Consider the professional responsibility for positively impacting the resilience of children
7. Explore the additional impacts on people from marginalised groups including adults with support and care needs, older people and LGBT and minority communities
8. Highlight the need for a multi-agency approach and roles of agencies in relation to risk identification and management
9. Provide information about how to refer to relevant services when appropriate, including referral to local and national specialist services for victims and perpetrators.

Module 2: Working With Those Who Are, Or May Be Experiencing Domestic Abuse

Suitable For: All health and social care professionals who work with individuals on an ongoing basis who are or may be experiencing domestic abuse.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Explore the importance of early risk identification, intervention, and prevention
2. Highlight the need to apply the Think Family approach into individual practice, further develop and enhance assessment of the victim's level of fear and the impact this has on them, their children, family, social and work life
3. Consider the need for evidencing professional concerns to enable an informed multi agency response
4. Consider the DASH risk assessment tool and how it can be used to assess risk for adult victims
5. Identify the range and pattern of behaviours that enable a perpetrator to maintain or regain control of a partner, ex-partner or family member (power and coercive control)
6. Recognise the potential for professionals to inadvertently collude with the perpetrator and the impact that may have on victims
7. Highlight the barriers to disclosing abuse to a professional and leaving an abusive relationship
8. Provide information about local services/care pathways for victims and the national approach

Module 3: Understanding And Working With Perpetrators

Suitable For: All health and social care professionals who work with individuals on an ongoing basis who are or may be perpetrating domestic abuse.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Enhance understanding of the challenges posed by perpetrators when assessing domestic abuse
2. Identify the themes of abusive behaviour and their possible motivation
3. Develop ways of identifying who is doing what to whom and with what consequences
4. Consider perpetrator tactics in relation to the risk of colluding with the perpetrator
5. Develop confidence regarding the most effective working practices when seeking to engage perpetrators of domestic abuse
6. Highlight the need to work within a context of monitoring risk and keeping safety at the focus of all practice
7. Provide information re local/national local services for victims and perpetrators