

# Protecting young people with learning disabilities from child sexual exploitation

Friday 21 April 2017

## Course outline and aims

This course explores the vulnerability of young people with learning disabilities to child sexual exploitation, identifying high risk and preventative and helping interventions for young people and adults who have been victims. Young people with learning disabilities are very vulnerable to sexual exploitation and the lack of awareness of the sexual exploitation of young people with learning disabilities among professionals means they are often not considered in local multi-agency arrangements to end child sexual exploitation. This has serious implications for the identification and support of young people at risk of sexual exploitation. Respond has been working in the area of sexual abuse and exploitation of people with Learning Disabilities for over 25 years, the course is based on our knowledge and experience of working alongside people who have been sexually exploited.

## What will you learn?

- A clearer understanding of child sexual exploitation and the reasons why young people with learning disabilities are more vulnerable
- Signs that a young person with learning disabilities is vulnerable to exploitation or a victim
- Greater understanding of the complexities of sexual development for a young person with a learning disability.
- Better understanding of safeguarding routes to ensure your concerns are shared with other professionals
- Improved harm prevention interventions for young people with learning disabilities
- More effective support to young people with learning disabilities who have experienced child sexual exploitation

## Who is the course for?

This one-day course will be beneficial for any professional or practitioner working with young people with learning disabilities in most settings, including:

- Teachers, teaching assistants, learning support staff
- Safeguarding leads
- Children's Social Workers
- Transition Teams
- Care staff working in supported housing, residential and day care
- Probation Service officers and staff
- Staff and volunteers working in voluntary organisations and community groups

## Our training approach

The course is limited to 12 participants offering the best opportunity for you to not only learn from our Trainer, it also enables you to learn from other participants' experience of working with young people with learning disabilities. The training is delivered using an effective mix of theoretical and experiential techniques.

**Qualification:** Certificate of Attendance

## About the Trainer

The Course Trainer is Rosie Creer, Service Manager for Young People at Respond. Rosie is a highly experienced and qualified art psychotherapist. She is a member of British Association of Art Therapists and a member of the Health and Care Professions Council.

## Course logistics

**Date:** Friday 21 April 2017

**Time:** 10am to 4pm. Please arrive from 9.30am for registration and refreshments.

**Venue:** Respond, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 24-32 Stephenson Way, London, NW1 2HD.

**Getting here:** Respond is located close to Euston mainline station, Euston Square underground station (Hammersmith and City, Circle and Metropolitan lines), Euston and Warren Street underground stations (Victoria and Northern lines). For up to date information on travel and transport please go to this link <https://tfl.gov.uk/plan-a-journey/>.

**Lunch:** Respond does not provide lunch. There are numerous sandwich shops and cafes within short walking distance of our office. You are welcome to bring your own lunch and eat in the training room.

**Fee:** £90 and early bird £75 if booked before 24 March. All fees are subject to a booking charge.

**Booking:** booking for our training courses is through Eventbrite. Please click on this link <http://respond1617cse.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Cancellation:** a full refund less a £10 administration is payable if you cancel the course up to three weeks in advance. Refunds are not payable after this time.

**Further information:** please call 020 7383 0700 or email [training@respond.org.uk](mailto:training@respond.org.uk) with your query and we will do our best to help. Our offices are open on weekdays from 9.30am to 5pm daily.