

## child exploitation and the internet

The development of the Internet has brought great advantages but it has also given child sex offenders previously unheard of opportunities to groom children for sexual exploitation. Delivered by trainers with a background in child protection and investigation, this one day course brings essential information to those who work to keep children safe.

### Course Aims

The course covers the issues of exploitation of children and young people and the Internet through child abuse images and grooming in social networking sites. It also deals with cyber-bullying, the legislative framework and safeguarding processes including the assessment of risk, raising awareness amongst those who work directly with children and their families

### Course Objectives

By the end of the module you will:

1. Understand the nature and impact of internet child abuse on children, offenders and the community
2. Understand the legislative framework protecting children from sexual exploitation through the Internet
3. Be aware of the National Programme of education designed to empower children and young people to use the Internet safely and enjoy its social and educational benefits
4. Know the strategies designed to prevent on-line exploitation and bullying and empower children and young people to self-protect and gain the maximum benefit from use of the Internet
5. Be aware of the models of abuse as tools for assessing risk
6. Know the process of investigation in cases of child exploitation through the Internet

**Learning Outcomes** – at the end of this course participants will:

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The course is accredited by Bath Spa University as a module toward a Certificate in Education (Safeguarding)

### What people say about the training:

“Our goal was to ensure that the interactive website we are developing is as safe as possible for the young people who use it. The information, advice and training delivered on e-safety have been critical in achieving this”