

Specialist courses for social workers

I have 21 years of social work experience in child protection, fostering & adoption, training and management. I have over 10 years of experience in delivering training to social workers, social care support staff and multi-agency groups.

My main areas of training delivery are Child Protection, Assessment, Supervision Skills and Undertaking Section 47 Enquiries.

I have developed a specialist course for social workers that aims to equip them with the knowledge and skills to enable them to undertake enquiries under Section 47 of the Children Act 1989 - 'Good Practice in Section 47 Enquiries'

The course covers aspects such as what to do and say, Best Evidence, authoritative practice, effective strategy discussions, the law, thresholds and roles and responsibilities.

All training is delivered within a framework of anti-oppressive practice.

In addition to designing and delivering training I am also a qualified Social Worker, registered with the GSCC.

Here is what past participants have said...

The most important thing I learned:

- *Is to be more confident*
- *How to gather information*
- *To re-evaluate working practice*
- *To remember to reflect*
- *How I speak to clients -
I have reflected on this through the role play*
- *What is expected of me/my role/participation
in the S.47 process*
- *To not give up*
- *Speak less, Listen more, Think more*

Recommendation 43

"No social worker shall undertake section 47 inquiries unless he or she has been trained to do so."

The Victoria Climbié Enquiry

Recommendation 5.3

"The authoritative intervention is urgent, thorough, challenging, with a low threshold of concern, keeping the focus on the child, and with high expectations of parents and of what services should expect of themselves."

The Baby P Enquiry

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