

# **The implications of domestic violence for child care assessment and intervention**

A two-day training event for Coventry Social Services

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# Context

- Growth of domestic violence within child protection system and registration
- Problems associated with the Assessment Framework/ICS/CAF
  - General
  - Focus on information collection

- Separation of adult and children's services
- Links between domestic violence and safeguarding forums
- Performance targets:
  - outputs or outcomes?
  - Re-registrations lower but above national average
  - Attendance not recorded by gender but conflated as parent (s) attendance
- Change! Change! Change!

# Aims

- **To familiarize participants with the strengths and limitations of current and incoming assessment frameworks and systems**
- **To enable staff to understand and use specific risk and core assessment frameworks for identifying, assessing, analysing and managing domestic violence**
- **To examine the effects of child protection interventions on the mother and the children**
- **To examine the literature on early interventions and links with consumer feedback and outcomes**
- **To enable managers and workers to develop the necessary knowledge, skills and attitudes to assess and manage risk in practice**

# Objectives

- **To provide an accessible journey through the assessment process in cases involving domestic violence**
- **To provide models and tools, which will enable staff to employ evidence-based yet case-specific work with children and families where domestic violence is a feature**
- **To provide staff with conceptual as well as practical frameworks that will help them unify research, theory and practice wisdom and help them locate this knowledge in existing and incoming systems**
- **To make links with other types of harm and examine how good practice from elsewhere can be imported into work in domestic violence cases**

# Programme

## Day One

**9.30 Introductions and contracting**

**9.45 Domestic violence: what's in a name?**

**11.00 Coffee**

**11.15 Causal explanations**

**12.45 Lunch**

**1.45 The impact of domestic violence for mothers**

**3.00 Tea**

**3.15 The impact of domestic violence for children**

**4.30 Close**

# Day two

**9.30 Messages from day one**

**9.45 Risk factors for domestic violence: A framework for understanding**

**10.45 Coffee**

**11.00 A framework for risk assessment and analysis**

**12.30 Lunch**

**1.30 Domestic violence core assessments:  
a framework**

**3.00 Tea**

**3.15 Effective early interventions**

**4.15 Close**

# Ground rules

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- Punctuality
- No oppressive language
- Respect for others and the rules
- No question too naïve
- Confidentiality
- Turn mobile 'phones off
- Have fun and learn!

# Domestic arrangements

- Domestic arrangement
  - Fire exits
  - Smoking
  - Toilets
  - Refreshments
  - Lighting, heating and acoustics
- Handouts
- Breaks/finish time

Let us begin...

