





DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND CHILD PROTECTION
A one-day training event for Ynys Mon Social Services

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There is considerable current emphasis on the protection of children living with domestic violence. This raises a number of new challenges for agencies and individual practitioners, not least the costs to the mother and the children of unconsidered social work assessment and intervention.

This training event addresses many of these challenges, including:



-  The impact on the mother
-  The impact on children
-  The impact on the perpetrator
-  A framework for conducting risk assessments that will inform referral management, initial and core assessment, conference and court requirements

The course will explore the theory and research and make recommendations on how to incorporate these into daily practice. The aim is for managers and practitioners to be able to link impact factors and risk assessment to make informed decisions that embrace not alienate mothers and children, thus enhancing the likelihood of better and more sustained outcomes.

Martin C Calder (MA, CQSW) has worked in the field of child protection and child welfare for over twenty years. He has operated as a specialist Child Protection Social Worker, Child Protection Coordinator and Operations Manager for the Child Protection Unit with Salford City Council, where he also has responsibility for domestic violence services.

Martin has recently moved into independent practice and has founded Calder Training and Consultancy (www.caldertrainingandconsultancy.co.uk) to develop further evidence-based materials for frontline practitioner use.

Martin has written and published extensively around policy and procedural issues in the child protection field as well as the development of accessible, evidence-based assessment tools for frontline workers. He is author of :

-  Calder MC (2003) Child sexual abuse and domestic violence: parallel considerations to inform professional responses. *Seen and Heard* 12(3): 14-24.
-  Calder MC, Harold GT and Howarth EL (2004) *Children living with domestic violence: Towards a framework for assessment and intervention*. Dorset: Russell House Publishing.

His drive is to move beyond policy and procedural requirements to develop practice guidance that can empower rather than deskill busy frontline practitioners from the constituent agencies of the child protection system.

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**

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

- 9.30** **Introductions**
- 9.45** **Causal explanations and links with sexual abuse and animal abuse**
- 11.00** **Coffee**
- 11.15** **The impact on mothers and children**
- 12.45** **Lunch**
- 1.45** **A framework for risk assessment and analysis**
- 3.00** **Tea**
- 3.15** **Domestic violence core assessments: a framework**
- 4.30** **Close**