

Level 3 Safeguarding Children Training for General Practice

Doctors must be proficient and work within their competence to deal with Child Protection issues.

The General Medical Council (GMC) booklet: [‘Protecting children and young people - The responsibilities of all doctors’](#) provides clear guidance, with Level 3 competencies defined in the: [Intercollegiate document 2014](#).

Outcome measures for Level 3 Training

1. To gain knowledge and understanding of child abuse issues
2. To have an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of agencies
3. To gain an understanding of child protection procedures
4. To become aware of, and be alert to signs of child abuse
5. To maintain a focus on the child and safeguarding while recognizing the varying complexities in different families and the needs of parents / carers
6. To be confident in making effective referrals
7. To respond to identified local learning needs in relation to safeguarding and child protection
8. To engage in supervision for the safeguarding of children

Summary of training requirements

A minimum of 2 hours per year / 6 hours over 3 years for all frontline staff dealing with children.

Training experience should include a combination of the following:

- a. Face-to-face training, e.g. Safeguarding Children Board courses
- b. Recognised e-learning courses, e.g. www.nsahealth.org.uk
- c. External meetings, courses, conferences – (a variety of course topics will count towards Child Protection training e.g. domestic violence, drug and alcohol abuse. If unsure, please contact named nurse/doctor/child protection lead for your organisation)
- d. Experiential learning – documented supervision, peer review, departmental meetings, audit and attendance at case conferences - (experiential learning record must be completed).

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Safeguarding Children Level 3 Experiential Learning Form for General Practitioners

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Personal details:

Name	
GMC Number	
GP / SGP/ Locum	
Current role / Job Title	
GP Practice / Establishment	
Date of next Appraisal	

Professional Experience and Experiential Learning Evidence:

<p>Preparation: Outline the experience required to meet Level 3 Awareness and Competency and your professional development need.</p>	<p>e.g. Working together to identify, assess and meet the needs of children where there are safeguarding concerns; the impact of parenting issues such as domestic abuse and substance misuse on parenting capacity; recognising the importance of family history and functioning; working with children and family members, including addressing lack of co-operation and superficial compliance.</p>
<p>What preparation is needed prior to undertaking the activity?</p>	
<p>What are you hoping to learn? (Objectives for your professional development)</p>	

<p>Learning Experience: Write a short account of your experience</p>	
<p>Post Experience: Upon reflection what did you learn from the experience?</p>	
<p>How will this experience change your personal practice?</p>	
<p>What aspects of your learning will you share with your colleagues?</p>	
<p>Any relevant comments by GP colleague / nursing or multi-agency colleague who worked with you on this case</p>	
<p>Discussed at Appraisal – Yes / No</p>	

Training Log

[If you require further guidance relating to the completion of this form please discuss with the Safeguarding Lead for your organisation].

Date	Details of training / course / professional conversation	Hours completed	Learning Credits Claimed