

Briefing Note

Briefing Paper: Child protection training options for community groups

Some understanding of child protection is essential for all involved in child centred service provision, whether from health, social work, education or the voluntary sector. Are you involved in any activity – in a paid or unpaid sense - that involves children? Thinking about training on child protection is a necessary part of ensuring all those in our community are safe.

[Child Protection Committee Orkney: Guidance re Child Protection Training](#)

[OIC: Child Protection Training and Development](#)

After using a CD Rom for training Step 1 for some years, the [Orkney Child Protection Committee](#) now recommend the NES site for organisations to use for their Step 1 training.

NHS Education for Scotland (NES), the national body responsible for educating and training healthcare staff, has developed an [online child protection educational resource](#) that is now available to all clinical staff (and others) in NHS Scotland.

This interactive module raises awareness for practitioners of the need to recognise and report situations where there might be a need for protection. The module places protecting children within the [Getting It Right for Every Child](#) framework.

It contains activities, reflective questions and video casts from key experts within the area of child protection. It takes approximately 2½ hours to complete.

It is anticipated that the module will be used by:

- Individual practitioners to fulfil continuing professional development requirements in protecting children. It may be beneficial to discuss issues raised within the resource with colleagues and managers.
- By volunteers in organisations who require Child Protection training by virtue of their volunteering responsibilities.

In addition practitioners and managers may find that the resource supports induction planning and assists in meeting child protection learning needs identified through annual appraisal or during daily work.

For those that need to progress to Step 2 training in Orkney, a learning record can be printed off at the end of the module, signed by the learner, counter signed by a manager, volunteer manager or at least a colleague, for proof of completion for the Child Protection Committee's new training officer, [Jennifer Sclater](#), who will take over the step 2 level co-ordination from Nadia Heath.

Additional training sources

There are other sources of child protection training on offer, as you may be aware. A few of those are listed below.

Orkney College: Child protection training, currently advertised as 2 evenings at £82, eligible for an ILA. Contact the College on 01856 569206.

BBC resources: The BBC have put together a list of all the BBC programmes that are suitable for use in Child Protection Training. The list can be found [here](#)

SafeNetwork: [SafeNetwork](#) has a number of different resources, including resources for [community](#) and [sports](#) groups.

NSPCC: [NSPCC Child Protection Introduction](#) & [NSPCC Keeping Children Safe Online](#)

Both online courses cost £20 each and take 3 hours to complete.

As part of the NSPCC's annual flagship conference they launched a report that gives a comprehensive overview of child protection in the UK. The report compiles and analyses the most robust and up-to-date child protection data that exists across the 4 nations in the UK for 2015. Download the report [here](#).

Children In Scotland: [Professional Development Guide](#)

University of the West of Scotland: [Child Protection Course](#)

Open University: A number of courses are available at the [Open University](#)

University of Kent: A number of short courses and simulations are available at the [Centre for Child Protection](#) at the University of Kent. Please note that these courses will have an English context which may differ to that of Scotland.