

## **Cadet Association**

# **Designated Children's Safeguarding Officer Course**

### **Aim**

To enable participants to become familiar with the role and responsibilities of the designated safeguarding children officer and develop competence and confidence in carrying out this role.

### **Learning objectives**

By the end of the course participants will be able to:

- describe the role of the designated safeguarding children officer and state key areas of responsibility
- State their own values regarding child abuse and the impact of these on professional practice.
- describe the key legislation and guidance underpinning the organisation's policy for responding to concerns about a child's safety or welfare
- decide what steps the organisation needs to take to ensure the safety and welfare of children and young people with whom it has contact
- state the blocks inhibiting children from disclosing abuse and respond effectively to a child who does disclose
- state blocks to staff reporting concerns and how to overcome these
- make appropriate decisions about the action to take when informed of a concern about a child or young person
- state what is likely to happen following a referral to children's social care and what further role they may have
- explain the issues in connection with recording and sharing of information, including that of confidentiality
- demonstrate an awareness of the emotional dimension of safeguarding work and identify a network for personal support
- state the main tenets of their organisation's policy and procedures