



Yorkshire and Humber
Children's Palliative
Care Network

Safeguarding and children's palliative care

Study day
21 January 2022

Aim of training

- To increase awareness for those working with children or young people with complex and palliative care needs about the impact that life-limiting conditions can have on a child's life, care and family.
- To help them identify and respond to risks and specific safeguarding concerns for children with life-limiting conditions.

Learning outcomes

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

1. Explain fabricated and induced illness and perplexing presentations in relation to these.
2. Recall the Child Death Overview and the Learning Disabilities Review processes and recognise the difference in how sudden and expected deaths are reviewed.
3. Explain why children with life-limiting conditions are vulnerable to abuse and neglect.
4. Identify the risk factors and warning signs to look out for which may suggest a child with a life-limiting condition is suffering from abuse or neglect.
5. Recognise best practice for responding to concerns about child abuse, how to talk to the child and/or parent/carer about your worries, and how to act on concerns.
6. Discuss the legal issues and decision making about children with disability, complex health needs and life-limiting conditions.
7. Discuss the importance of supervision.

Course content

- Fabricated and induced illness and perplexing presentations in relation to children with complex health needs, how their disability can mask safeguarding concerns and what to do when presented with these issues.
- Child Death Overview Panel: roles and responsibilities, sudden and expected deaths, learning from CDOP cases and data. Learning Disabilities Review process.
- Best practice for recognising and responding to concerns: the voice of the child, understanding your safeguarding responsibilities, responding to concerns, working with families, best practice for safeguarding children.
- Safeguarding young people and the impact of transition.
- Legal issues in decision making about children with complex needs. How challenging cases can be approached and an understanding of the decision-making process.
- Supervision and the importance of supervision in cases where safeguarding is an issue.