



VOLUNTARY & COMMUNITY SECTOR: FREE SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Everyone who works with or supports children has a part to play in keeping them safe.

Voluntary, community and faith groups make a huge contribution to supporting and enriching the lives of children and young people on the Isle of Wight. Your involvement helps us build stronger support networks and spot early signs of abuse or neglect.

To support your work, the IOW Safeguarding Children Partnership provides FREE safeguarding training for anyone in the voluntary and community sector who works with Island children and families.



15-minute introductory training

These short 15-minute videos are a great starting point for anyone new to safeguarding or wanting a quick refresher. Click on the titles or images below:

>> [Introductory safeguarding children training](#)

Child abuse is when a child is harmed by an adult or another child. It can be over a period of time but can also be a one-off action. It can happen in person or online.

There are 4 main types of abuse



Emotional abuse

When someone often puts child down, shouts at a child or makes a child feel bad.



Physical abuse

When someone hurts a child on purpose.



Child Sexual abuse

When a child is forced, tricked or pressured to do something sexual.



Neglect

When a child's basic physical or psychological needs are not met.

>> [Introductory child exploitation safeguarding training](#)

Child Criminal Exploitation occurs where an individual or a group encourages, controls, manipulates or deceives a child or young person into any **criminal** activity.

- (a) in exchange for something the child needs or wants, and/or
- (b) for the financial or other benefit of the person exploiting the child
- (c) through violence or the threat of violence



Criminal activity can include: local drug networks, county lines and gang activity.

IMPORTANT:

The contact telephone numbers provided in the two videos are out of date. **Please use the updated IOW number for members of the public: 01983 823435**



Recommended training for Voluntary, Community & Faith Group

We encourage volunteers and community group staff to complete the following courses:

- Community and Voluntary Organisations Toolkit Tour
- Understanding, Identifying and Responding to Neglect
- An Introduction to Child Sexual Abuse
- The Importance of Community Partnership Information (CPI) Sharing
- Children as victims in their own right: Understanding the impact of domestic abuse (including those with special educational needs and disabilities)
- Safeguarding Disabled Children (including children with a learning disability)
- Unidentified Adults
- An Introduction to Keeping Children Safe Online
- Safeguarding Adolescents in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight
- Missing, Exploited and Trafficked Children
- Introduction to the Child Exploitation Risk Assessment Framework (CERAF)
- Unpacking Disguised Compliance - The Importance of Professional Curiosity

>> Go to www.iowscp.org.uk/training for course bookings links

You will need a login for the IOW Council Learning Hub to book onto IOWSCP training.

If you do not have one, please contact us at scp@iow.gov.uk

These courses are designed to build confidence, raise awareness, and help you feel well-equipped to respond if you have concerns about a child.

Course descriptions and dates below. All courses take place via Microsoft Teams

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS TOOLKIT TOUR *NEW*

This tour is designed to help you become familiar with the information, tools and resources available in the toolkit. It aims to give community, voluntary and faith groups the confidence to recognise concerns and know how to support children and families who may be at risk of harm.

Wednesday, 13th May 2026 8.30-9.15am | Wednesday, 11th November 2026 3.45-4.30pm

UNDERSTANDING, IDENTIFYING AND RESPONDING TO NEGLECT

This course helps professionals and volunteers identify the signs of neglect and know how to respond. It introduces the Neglect Toolkit and shows you how to use the resources to support your work with children and families.

Wednesday, 29th April 2026 1.30-3pm | Wednesday, 7th October 2026 9.30-11am | Wednesday, 3rd February 2027 7-8.30pm

AN INTRODUCTION TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Providing an introduction to child sexual abuse for professionals and volunteers working with children.

Wednesday, 1st July 2026 9.30-11am | Wednesday, 16th December 2026 1.30-3pm | Wednesday 24th February 2027 7-8.30pm.

THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP INFORMATION (CPI) SHARING

Explaining how to use the Community Partnership Information (CPI) sharing form - a simple way for anyone working with children to pass on non-urgent information to the Police. It highlights how small pieces of information can help build a clearer picture of what's happening locally and more widely, helping to reduce risk and keep children safe.

Thursday, 21st May 2026 3.30-4.15pm | Thursday, 8th October 2026 10-10.45am

CHILDREN AS VICTIMS IN THEIR OWN RIGHT: UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACT OF DOMESTIC ABUSE (INCLUDING THOSE WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES)

An introduction to the impact that domestic abuse can have on children and young people.

Wednesday, 13th May 2026 9.30-11am | Wednesday, 18th November 2026 7-8.30pm | Wednesday, 17th March 2027 3.30-5pm

SAFEGUARDING DISABLED CHILDREN (INCLUDING CHILDREN WITH A LEARNING DISABILITY)

Helping professionals and volunteers to understand how disabilities can impact children's lives, families and their care.

Wednesday, 15th July 2026 3.30-5pm | Wednesday, 13th January 2027 1.30-3pm

UNIDENTIFIED ADULTS

An introduction to "unidentified adults" – adults connected to a child or family who services don't yet know about or who are not currently engaging with support. Understanding who these adults are helps keep children safer and ensures the right support reaches the right people.

Wednesday, 29th April 2026 12-12.45pm | Wednesday, 7th October 2026 8.30-9.15am | Wednesday, 10th March 2027 8.30-9.15am

AN INTRODUCTION TO KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

Helping anyone working with children and young people to understand the technology they use every day and the risks that can come with it. It also introduces practical tools to help young people stay safe online, along with useful resources you can share with families to build awareness and confidence.

Wednesday, 22nd April 2026 1.30-3pm | Wednesday, 16th September 2026 1.30-3pm | Wednesday, 27th January 2027 7-8.30pm

SAFEGUARDING ADOLESCENTS IN HAMPSHIRE AND ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT

Focusing on helping young people stay safe and well as they move through adolescence. It looks at how we can support them during this important stage of growing up and protect them from both psychological and physical harm.

Wednesday, 22nd April 2026 9.30-11.30am | Wednesday, 16th September 2026 6.30-8.30pm |
Wednesday, 3rd February 2027 9.30-11.30am

MISSING, EXPLOITED AND TRAFFICKED CHILDREN

This course helps raise awareness of child exploitation and highlights the importance of agencies and organisations working together and sharing information.

Wednesday, 24th June 2026 1.30-3pm | Wednesday, 14th October 2026 9.30-11am | Wednesday, 24th
March 2027 9.30-11am

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE CHILD EXPLOITATION RISK ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK (CERAF)

Aimed at professionals working in voluntary and community organisations, this course offers an introduction to the HIPS Child Exploitation Risk Assessment Framework (CERAF). It explains how to use the CERAF tool to assess harm occurring outside the home for children and young people, helping you identify key risk areas and understand the next steps to take.

Wednesday, 17th June 2026 9.30-11am | Wednesday, 14th October 2026 1.30-3pm | Wednesday, 24th
March 2027 7-8.30pm