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Integrated Working (The Common Assessment Framework)

When the 2004 Children Act was rolled out it introduced the CAF (Common Assessment Framework). This is a formal tool in which low level intervention to support children would now be formally recorded in England.

It introduced multi agency work and the role of the Lead professional.

It sits between children who are doing well and receiving Universal services when required to children at the other end of the scales who may have severe disabilities or who are subject to Child Protection enquiries.

This course will adapt to your local authority criteria of how the CAF should be implemented and used.

It can be delivered in two forms, that being an awareness raising level or more detailed understanding of the process and completion of the CAF assessment.

Course Objectives

To enable delegates to understand the function of the CAF assessment and how it works within their local authority.

To understand the rules of Information Sharing as laid down in the Government Guidance.

Delegates to experience the role of the Lead professional within the CAF process.

Course Content

Information Sharing rules and guidance
2004 Children Act in relation to the CAF
The Laming Report
The CAF process within the Local Authority
Completing the CAF form
The role of the Lead Professional
The multi-agency meeting
Escalating up to a Child Protection referral
Section 17 Children Act 1989
Section 47 Children act 1989
Exercises

