



## Domestic Violence and Abuse: Risk Identification and Initial Response

### Overview

This 90 minute briefing session will give an overview of why we risk assess victims of domestic violence and abuse (DVA), the history and purpose of the Domestic Abuse Stalking Harassment and Honour Based Violence (DASH) risk identification checklist (RIC), how to use the DASH RIC and what to do with the information once a DASH RIC has been completed.

### Benefits and learning outcomes to you and the organisation

At the end of the briefing session, participants will:

- Understand the common risks that are posed to victims of domestic abuse
- Know how to identify someone's level of risk using the SafeLives Domestic Abuse Stalking and Honour-based Violence (DASH) Risk Identification Checklist
- Be able to describe the steps to take to safeguard someone at immediate risk
- Be able to describe other steps to help victim/survivors access the right help and support
- Understand when and how frontline professionals should refer to the local Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)

### Who should attend?

This course will be of particular relevance to staff working in a universal setting who need to be able to respond to a disclosure sensitively and in a way that ensures people's safety, as well as directing people to specialist services.

Please note: this workshop is designed to provide information specifically on the DASH RIC. Attendees who have not previously attended DVA training should ensure they have, as a minimum, completed the local e-learning course Domestic Abuse: What is Domestic Abuse? (Module 1 of 3 or an equivalent). This e-learning will familiarise you with the definitions, signs and indicators.

The modules can be accessed via the ESLP [www.eastsussexlearning.org.uk](http://www.eastsussexlearning.org.uk). Then select eLearning on the top menu.

**Duration:** 90 minutes

**Frequency: Booking:** This course is also available on request. Please contact Josi Enright for further details [josi.enright@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:josi.enright@eastsussex.gov.uk)

## **Other training opportunities**

### **Adopting a Whole Family Approach to Domestic Abuse and Promoting Safety - Professional Level Workshop**

This brand new course is essential for practitioners from Children's Services and Adult Social Care, early help, education, the police and health to review, update and consolidate core knowledge about domestic abuse. Further details about the course can be accessed via the ESLP [www.eastsussexlearning.org.uk](http://www.eastsussexlearning.org.uk).