

New NSPCC EduCare Child Protection – Staying Aware

HOW UP-TO-DATE IS YOUR CHILD PROTECTION KNOWLEDGE?

As best practice, the NSPCC recommends that everyone who comes into regular contact with children and young people should update and refresh their child protection knowledge every three years.

Child Protection – Staying Aware is designed for those people who have previously completed Level 1 or 2 child protection training. It consists of a questionnaire that will test a participant's child protection knowledge, and also their understanding of how to promote the welfare of children. Those who successfully complete the questionnaire will receive a personalised NSPCC certificate (valid for three years).

NSPCC Child Protection – Staying Aware can be used in four different ways:

1. Pre-screening job applicants.

Many job applicants will say that they have received child protection training. Child Protection – Staying Aware can test their knowledge and provide clear evidence of how up-to-date the applicant is. Those successfully completing the questionnaire will receive a NSPCC certificate. Those who are unsuccessful should undergo the relevant training as soon as possible*. It will help provide peace of mind to anyone recruiting people who will be meeting or working with children or young people on a day-to-day basis.

2. As part of your induction process.

Child protection training should be undertaken by anyone working with children and young people. By incorporating Child Protection – Staying Aware in your induction programme, all staff can be effectively benchmarked and, where appropriate, further training can be undertaken.*

Child Protection – Staying Aware questions cover: types of abuse, signs and indicators and what you should do if you have concerns about a child or young person. It also contains three scenarios designed to help candidates apply their knowledge.

*For those who do not successfully complete the questionnaire and receive their certificate, it is recommended that they complete a full NSPCC EduCare child protection programme. See www.educare.co.uk for further details.

Child Protection – Staying Aware provides you and your organisation with reassurance that your child protection awareness knowledge is up-to-date and that all are conversant with best practice in promoting the welfare of children and young people.

3. As a refresher.

The NSPCC recommend that all staff working with children and young people regularly refresh their knowledge of child protection and safeguarding. Ideally, as best practice, this should be every three years. Child Protection – Staying Aware will provide an effective refresher for all staff and, as the certificate from the NSPCC is dated, it will provide you with evidence as to how up-to-date each individual may be.

4. As pre-inspection assurance.

Many organisations undergo regular statutory inspection. Putting your staff through Child Protection – Staying Aware will provide up-to-date evidence that safeguarding children and young people has a high focus for you and your organisation and that your child protection training is up to date.

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