

About Triangle

Triangle works with children and young people across the UK. We have a strong multidisciplinary team with a shared value base, skilled at communicating with children and young people with a wide range of needs.

Our vision is to reposition children and young people in society as competent communicators and active agents in their own lives. We aim to set the standard in the UK and beyond for careful and effective communication with children and young people, making a real and measurable difference to their lives by:

- Enabling their best evidence in legal proceedings
- Ensuring their needs are properly understood
- Providing effective interventions
- Leading research, training and resource development.

Triangle provides a range of independent services including court reports, intermediaries, forensic interviewing, advocacy, therapy, consultation and support.



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**CQC: Careful Questioning of Children for
Legal Purposes: Foundation Knowledge**



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Dates

5th and 6th November 2018 in Bristol

At Avon & Somerset Police Fire HQ, BS20 8QJ

23rd and 24th January 2019 in Brighton

At Triangle, 7 Hunns Mere Way, Brighton, BN2 6AH.

13th and 14th March 2019 in Brighton

At Triangle, 7 Hunns Mere Way, Brighton, BN2 6AH

Time: 9:30-16:00

Cost: £160+VAT per person for two days.

To book a place email us on info@triangle.org.uk or call us on 01273 305 888

Aims

To enable professionals to respond safely and confidently when children or young people might be showing or telling that they are at risk, including careful initial questioning for potential legal purposes.

Designed for

Adults working directly with children and young people: health and education professionals, social workers, police officers, therapists, counsellors, youth workers, foster carers, advocates, solicitors, guardians. The programme covers the age range from 18 months to 18 years.

Objectives

Adult responses to early concerns are key to children's safety. Guidance to front line staff can be very prohibitive, often telling people what not to do. This programme takes the opposite approach and will give participants:

- An understanding of the elements of good forensic questioning, including question types and why they matter so much.
- Ways to keep an open mind when listening to children, including a range of open-ended questions and prompts that safely 'open doors' for children.
- Approaches to quickly establish rapport with children and set safe expectations when exploring initial concerns, including strategies for working with children in the presence of other adults.
- Knowledge about how trauma, impairment and disability can affect a child's vulnerability and communication.
- An update about how children's evidence is now being heard in criminal and family courts.