

Leading and Managing Social Work Services

Credits from this 30-credit module can be put towards a PG Cert/PG Dip Advanced Social Work Practice or the MA Advanced Social Work Practice.

Introduction

This module is for managers of social workers and focusses specifically on safeguarding in all practice settings (Children's, Adult's and Mental Health Services) reflecting the generic nature of social work practice.

Overview and Aims

The module aims to build on knowledge, skills and understanding relevant to a professional practice leadership role. Also, to enable managers of social workers to understand processes involved in managing and supporting front line practitioners working in situations of complexity and risk.

The module focuses on theories of leadership, change and innovation, performance management, information management and decision-making. It is applicable to a wide range of settings and delivered within the context of current safeguarding legislation and policy.

An intended feature of the module is adult and children managers learning together and reflection on supervision through video and a critical friend exercise.

Module Content

- Analysing serious case reviews
- Leadership and management in a social work context
- Analysing and using research in practice
- Risk management
- The service user perspective – listening, learning and improving practice
- Working with each other – organisational issues
- Using and giving supervision
- Sustaining relationships with service users in stressful conditions

Teaching

Teaching is primarily delivered online through lectures, class discussions, group work activities, assignment surgeries, research and critical reflection. However, there may be occasions, for the purposes of supporting the programme of teaching when students will need to attend in person.

Delivery is also supported by a range of online learning materials and access to library resources for personal study.

Assessment

Candidates are required to video themselves supervising a member of their own staff; this video is used as the basis of reflection with a 'critical friend' from the group. This module will be assessed through a 4000 word essay and a 1000 word reflection on the supervision video.

Fees

The modular fee for academic year 2021/22 is £765.

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