

# Domestic Abuse CPD Workshop

With

Jill White, Psychodynamic Counsellor,  
Children and Families Social Worker

Jill has spent most of her working life in voluntary projects and private practice and is currently a supervisor and trainer for family support workers in Bath who work with families with complex issues including domestic abuse, generational trauma, mental health illnesses and difficulties.



**Saturday 27th  
January 2018  
Frome, BA11  
10am—4pm**

**Abuse is not a one-off incident, but a systematic method of maintaining power and control within a relationship.**

This workshop will look at the definition, dynamics & challenges of understanding and working with Domestic Abuse.

The day will include theoretical perspectives of domestic abuse alongside cultural beliefs, attitudes & values about anger, aggression, power & control.

- What leads people into abusive relationships? Why do adults remain in abusive relationships in spite of on-going fear, control of liberty, and isolation from friends, family and/or supportive professionals?
- Why are more women than men abused?
- Is there a connection between predatory sexual behaviour and domestic abuse?

Melanie Klein suggests that: 'these bad parts of the self are not meant only to injure but also to control & take possession of the object.' Klein, 1946:8.

Is projective identification a way to understand the complex dynamics of domestic abuse and how can we speak and think about the victim/perpetrator relationship without pathologising or blaming 'victims of abuse'?

How are developmental processes and a sense of self affected by living in a family in which there is or has been domestic abuse? What is the impact of living with a scare giver rather than a care giver?

**Domestic abuse** is a *perversion* of what a child might rightfully expect from parents/caregivers.

It is likely that abuse will have a powerful impact on a child's attachment style, both as a trauma in itself and in view of the *context* in which abuse takes place

**The perverse paradox** is that the adult care-giver is **both** the **attachment** figure to whom the child turns for protection *and* either the victim of abuse (mother/father) or the source of the threat (father/mother). Holmes, J. The Search for the Secure Base, Ch 9.

This workshop will include teaching, small group work and some clinical discussion.  
It is not an experiential workshop & participants will not be expected to disclose personal history.

office@wessexcp.co.uk

01373 453355

www.wessexcp.co.uk

Cost of the day: £65

Concessionary rate for WCP  
trainees: £50

Payment required at time of  
booking \*

**bacp** | Accredited  
Course



**\* All workshops must be paid for at time of booking. No refunds will be given for cancellations 7 days before the event.**