

## **Practical and Effective Assessment of Risk Levels (PEARLS):**

*A Continuing Professional Development Course for Social Workers*

### **Introduction**

In Britain, we have vested authority for the care and protection of the weak and vulnerable in our society in Social Services Departments. We expect them to manage this complex, often difficult, and sometimes frustrating task with well-trained professional teams of social workers and social work assistants.

**PEARLS** is a course that recognises the need to facilitate social work professionals in the task of delivering an efficient and effective social work service. It takes account of the fact that good communication skills are central to a task which requires the building of trusting relationships with clients, managers, colleagues and other professionals in related fields of social care.

The course aims to provide practitioners with practical and effective tools for assessing levels of risk. Key skills and techniques taught are:

1. Questioning skills
2. Constructing genograms
3. Using genograms for assessment and interviewing

Participants will be encouraged to look at patterns of relationships and behaviours, including their own, in a range of contexts to help them generate useful and relevant questions for use in the process of assessing risks at different levels in the system.

The strength of the course is that it is practice focused. Participants will be engaged in “doing” in order that they further develop and build on the skills and knowledge they already hold.

**Length of Course:** 3 days (21 hours)

**Cost:** Please contact Dr. Sharon Bond on (020) 8257 7915 or email at [admin@chirontraining.org](mailto:admin@chirontraining.org), who will be pleased to discuss this with you.

**Venue:** Can be organised to suit your requirements.