



Salford Safeguarding Children Partnership

Responding to misinformation, disinformation and conspiracy theories

Purpose of the training

This session will share information and help build confidence on a most pressing and challenging question:

What are the appropriate and effective ways that we can respond to misinformation, disinformation and conspiracy theories?

Divisive narratives, including on social media, can cause and exacerbate a range of problems: they undermine and erode trust in legitimate local organisations; generate cynicism, anxiety and fear; lead to misinformed decision making, causing some people to put themselves and others at risk; promote prejudice, racism, community tensions and polarisation; and can spill over into hate crime and extremism 'IRL' ('in real life').

This session is aimed at those working with young people and adults within community or professional settings.

This session will

- Assess the problem. What is misinformation? How do conspiracy theories work?
- Consider why and how people are drawn to false narratives
- Share insights about the causes and effects of divisive attitudes
- Identify potentially effective approaches to countering misinformation and disinformation

Date	Time
Thursday 26 March 2026	10am – 12noon
Monday 30 March 2026	10am – 12noon
Wednesday 22 April 2026	10am – 12noon
Wednesday 29 April 2026	3pm – 5pm

[Booking Form](#)

Please note places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. A calendar invite with a link will be circulated to delegates approximately 2 weeks before the training session.

CHARGING POLICY

From 1st April 2023 the SSCP has re-introduced the non-attendance charging policy. Agencies will be charged if staff fail to attend if we are not informed of cancellation at least 10 working days before the session. This includes participants who arrive late and are not admitted by the trainers as they have missed a section of the course or participants who on the day inform the trainers they need to leave early. The charge will be £50.