

Mental health training & development courses

There are a wide range of courses available to individuals and organisations in South Gloucestershire on mental health. The aim of the courses is to increase the knowledge and confidence of individuals to help support with mental health needs.



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Courses offered by South Gloucestershire Council

Course title	Duration	Details
Self harm awareness	Half day	It covers what self-harm is, and why people might hurt themselves, as well as providing space to think about what a helpful response to someone who has hurt themselves might be. It has a strong emphasis on bringing the voices of people who use self-harm to the virtual room and provides space and time for reflection.
Bitesize mental health and wellbeing courses	The approximate learning time is 45-60 minutes each.	These online bitesize courses are suitable for teams that work with children or adults in South Gloucestershire. The courses are offered in the following topics: 1) Mental health awareness 2) Resilience and self-care 3) Trauma awareness and recovery To access these courses please log in through Enable. South Gloucestershire Council employees: https://southgloucestershirecouncilinternal.vc-enable.co.uk/Login?e=dmljdG9yaWEubWVhY2hpbkBzb3V0aGdsb3MuZ292LnVr External partners: https://southgloucestershirecouncil.vc-enable.co.uk/Login/Login?ReturnUrl=%2F
Fundamental wellbeing first aid	2 days	This course will raise your awareness around mental health and how to spot the signs of mental health issues and offer support to adults and children. This course qualifies you as a 'Mental Wellbeing First Aider'. Delegates will receive a manual and e-certificate (£25 Cost for Manual).

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Courses offered by Off the Record

Course title	Duration	Details
Fundamental wellbeing supporter	1 day	On this course, individuals will gain an insightful understanding of mental health and wellbeing. This course qualifies you as a 'Mental Wellbeing Supporter'. Delegates will receive a manual and e-certificate. (£20 Cost for Manual). This course is available for teams and that have a group of staff (10-12 participants) they wish to upskill please contact ✉ mentalhealth@southglos.gov.uk to arrange.
Working confidently with gender and sexuality	Half day	This training supports practitioners to understand and be able to integrate best practice when supporting LGBTQ+ young people with gender, sexuality and diversity related issues. including empowering young people and reflecting upon your own values.
Resilience lab - train the trainer	2 days	This two-day training gives you the means to deliver Resilience Labs within in your setting. Offers psycho-educational workshops developed around the evidence-based principles of positive psychology. All the sessions work towards equipping young people with a toolkit of strategies to help them not just cope, but overcome challenges they face in life. Sessions are based on five different themes: pressure proof, making friends with stress, thinking traps, stronger and reach out.

Our local Primary Mental Health Specialists also run a variety of free online short courses throughout the year

These are for South Gloucestershire professionals that work with children and young people. They focus on specific mental health needs for more information contact:

[✉ mentalhealth@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:mentalhealth@southglos.gov.uk)

Off The Record

A mental health social movement by and for young people aged 11-25 living in Bristol and South Gloucestershire. Their website provides lots of information around mental health and the hubs and courses they run.

www.otrbristol.org.uk/what-we-do

Book via the learning and development website southglos.gov.uk/learning

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Cost of courses

The majority of the courses are free if you live or work in South Gloucestershire. Any charges for South Gloucestershire Council staff will be covered by the relevant divisional or service training budget. The details of what different agencies will be charged are on the council's learning and development website.

 learning.southglos.gov.uk/courses/bookings/course_charges.asp

To book please see our learning and development website

 southglos.gov.uk/learning
or contact:
 mentalhealth@southglos.gov.uk

Please note

We have limited resources to put on these courses if you can't attend please let us know at the soonest opportunity so we can reallocate your place.

Participant feedback

I needed to learn more about individuals mental health issues. This course has got me hooked.

Participant on [Bitesize Mental Health Awareness](#)

I found the whole course great, the way it was presented was so engaging which made a difficult subject enjoyable whilst keeping it professional.

Participant on [Self harm awareness](#)

They give an excellent overview of the topic which can then be followed up if needed, I have recommended to the rest of my team!

Participant on [Bitesize Mental Health Awareness](#)

The content was spot on, the trainer was engaging, the best course I have been on.

Participant on [Self-Harm Awareness](#)

It was very informative and lots of tips I will be using everyday in school.

Participant on [Emotional regulation](#)

Very friendly, knowledgeable presenters who covered a heavy topic in a sensitive way.

Participant from [Fundamental Wellbeing first aid](#)

