



## **AGE ASSESSMENTS**

### **WMSMP TRAINING COURSE 2022**

10.03.22 - [register](#) 14.04.22 - [register](#) 05.05.22 - [register](#) 09.06.22 - [register](#) 13.07.22 - [register](#)  
23.08.22 – [register](#) 27.09.22 - [register](#)

#### **Aims and objectives**

This training course will examine the issue of age and the age assessment process for unaccompanied children and young people. The course provides an understanding of the legal framework and process of age assessments through guidance and good practice.

#### **Course content**

It will cover the process of determining whether an age assessment is necessary and carrying out an age assessment. It will also cover how an age assessment is decided, as well as how an assessment is challenged. The course will also cover the particular needs and vulnerabilities of children going through the age assessment process; how age disputes relate to the asylum process; and age disputes in trafficking cases.

By the end of the course participants will have an increased understanding of:

#### **Age assessments**

- Home Office policy and practice on age dispute cases
- Age disputes and detention
- The legal framework for age assessments
- Practical guidance around carrying out an age assessment
- Recent case law
- Changes under the Nationality & Borders Bill 2021

#### **Linked issues**

- Legal challenges to age assessments.
- How age disputes relate to the asylum process
- Particular safeguards for victims of trafficking
- The impact of age and age assessments on children in care and right to leaving care support
- The particular needs and vulnerabilities of children being age assessed

#### **Who this course is for**

*Any professional or carer working with children and young people in the age assessment process,*

*including lawyers, social workers, advocates, children's rights officers, support workers, teachers, foster carers, mentors, advisers and volunteers.*

**This course counts towards Continuing Professional Development (CPD) hours.**