Court Skills - How to Survive the Witness Box including the PLO

This training will help to build confidence and perform your role as a witness in court and to understand court etiquette, what is expected of you and court protocols, on behalf of the Local Authority effectively and robustly.

**Trainer**  
Kingsley Knight

**Course Content**

- Ability to describe legal terminology that relates to proceedings involving social care departments and Children Act proceedings
- Demonstrate an understanding of rules of evidence, preparation of reports and pre-trial preparation.
- Ability to summarise the nature and purpose of different types of court hearings and the orders which can result in Children Act proceedings
- Have a working knowledge of the Public Law Outline and pre-proceedings process and the impact of the Children and Families Act.

**Who should attend?**

The training is for social workers and other qualified practitioners working within children and adult social care departments. Attendance will assist the participants to enhance their skills, knowledge and confidence in presenting at court, understanding court’s expectations, etiquette and protocols.