

### **Emerging Findings from Service Provider Needs Assessment:**

As part of the initial phase of the project a needs assessment is being undertaken. At this point 53 interviews and 6 focus groups have been conducted. From this data the following themes in terms of what kind of training service providers want have begun to emerge:

#### Philosophy

An approach that:

- Is contextual
- Is developmental
- Integrate social care and health perspective
- Multi-agency, multi-disciplinary perspective

#### Delivery of Training

- Inter-agency where possible
- Relevant and appropriate to level
- Cross-level
- Flexibility
  - Modular
  - Accommodate breaks
  - Accredited across streams
  - Accredited across institutions
- Delivered locally

#### Methodology:

- Experiential
- Practice based
- Adult learning principles
- Using local expertise

#### Concerns:

- Standards and quality control