

# BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL CARERS MANDATORY TRAINING ROUTE

The training route for carers involves a core set of 5 '**Mandatory**' courses for all carers as follows:

1. Positive Interventions for Foster Carers
2. Working Together in Child Protection
3. Allegations & Complaints Involving Foster Carers
4. Paediatric First Aid
5. Attachment / Secure Base Attachment

Both newly approved and experienced carers are expected to complete their mandatory and essential training courses within a two year period.

In addition there are further '**Essential**' courses depending upon the type of fostering the carer undertakes.

As well as the Mandatory & Essential courses, all carers have access to any relevant courses available on the Gateway, including elearning, not just the specialist foster carer courses, to support their continuing professional development.

**Please note: the fee/skills element of the fostering payment is linked to attending the mandatory training courses and completing the Training, Support & Development Standards Workbook**

If you have any queries regarding bookings or cancellations, please email [learning@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:learning@brighton-hove.gov.uk)

# MANDATORY TRAINING ROUTE FOR ALL CARERS

1. Positive Interventions for Foster Carers
2. Working Together in Child Protection
3. Allegations & Complaints Involving Foster Carers
4. Paediatric First Aid / Emergency First Aid
5. Attachment

**PLUS** Training, Support & Development Standards Workshops 1 - 6

## ESSENTIAL COURSES BASED ON FOSTER CARER'S AGE RANGE

### PARENT & BABY PATH

- Promoting Good Mental & Physical Health
- Promoting the Positive Identity of Children in Care
- Drugs and Foster Care
- Parent & Baby Support Group
- Preventing & Disrupting the Sexual Exploitation of Children & Young People
- Recording & Observation in Parent & Baby F/Placements
- Working with Parents with a Learning Disability in Parent & Baby Foster Care

### 0-5 PATH

- Supporting Children with Transitions to Permanence
- Promoting the Positive Identity of Children in Care
- Caring for Under 5's
- Preventing & Disrupting the Sexual Exploitation of Children & Young People

### 5-12 PATH

- Promoting the Positive Identity of Children in Care
- Promoting Good Mental & Physical Health
- Preventing & Disrupting the Sexual Exploitation of Children & Young People
- Resilience

### TEENAGERS PATH

- Adolescent Development
- Transition to Adulthood
- Drugs & Foster Care
- Sexual Health, Teenage Pregnancy & Looked After Young People
- Facebook, Social Networking & Foster Care
- Preventing & Disrupting the Sexual Exploitation of Children & Young People
- Motivational Interviewing

TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN FIRST 2 YRS

## Training, Support and Development Standards for Foster Carers

The Children's Workforce Development Council developed a set of 7 Standards to ensure that foster carers are properly inducted into fostering by their Fostering agencies. These Standards have arisen from the 'Every Child Matters Agenda' and from consultation with foster carers.

The Department for Education (DfE) have now taken over responsibility for the Standards and help is available online around the Foster Care Standards.

***Implementation of these Standards will be monitored by OFSTED during their inspections of Fostering Services.***

**All foster carers are expected to successfully complete the workbook within 12 months (18 months for Family & Friends carers). The carers for whom this is relevant are those who are caring for a child whose care plan has been confirmed as long term fostering and are in full time education.**

The Family and Friends Team also offer specific workshops to both foster carers and those caring for children on Special Guardian or Residence orders which relate directly to their role. Details can be found either on the website or by contacting the Family and Friends Team directly.

All carers can demonstrate their knowledge of the Standards in a variety of ways, including attendance at training, attendance at the New Carers Support Group, reading the Foster Carer Handbook etc. When foster carers have successfully completed the Standards they will receive a Certificate of Completion.

### **Further guidance:**

- [www.gov.uk/government/publications/training-support-and-development-standards-for-foster-care-evidence-workbook](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/training-support-and-development-standards-for-foster-care-evidence-workbook)
- [\*\*Training, Support & Development Standards Workbook\*\*](#)