

**Workshop title: Delegated Authority**

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**Aim:** To help a fostering service provider to support their foster carers and social workers in managing delegated authority in line with current legislation and government guidelines

**Designed for:** Foster Carers and Supervising Social Workers

**Objectives:** During the workshop, participants will

- understand what is meant by delegated authority in foster care
- consider how to get agreement for delegated authority in a placement
- link delegated authority with risk assessment
- develop strategies for working together to make delegated authority work

**Method:** This workshop will be participative, using practical examples and exercises to help everyone relate the learning to their fostering

**Length:** One day: 10am – 2.00pm

**Content:** **What is delegated authority?**

- \* The history of delegated authority
- \* Relevant legislation, fostering regulations and statutory guidance
- \* Hopes and fears linked to delegated authority

**The role of delegated authority in a foster placement**

- \* Delegated authority from different perspectives
- \* The role of the placement plan

**Delegated authority and risk assessment**

- \* Who is responsible for risk assessment?
- \* Carry out risk assessments in an effective and timely way
- \* Manage risks rather than be risk averse

**Strategies for making delegated authority work**

- \* The importance of a delegated authority agreement
- \* Agree and record the delegated authority for each placement
- \* Review your delegated authority agreement regularly

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