

Workshop title: Work Effectively with Other Professionals

Aim: To help foster carers have the confidence and competence to work in partnership with other professionals for the benefit of fostered children and young people

Designed for: Foster carers and social workers

Objectives: During the workshop, participants will

- learn who to approach for different issues and situations
- understand the roles, responsibilities and expectations of all involved with fostered children
- prepare ways of being heard and speaking on behalf of a fostered child or young person
- gain skills and practical ideas for handling meetings with other professionals

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

Length: One day

Content: **People and organisations as a resource**

- * Who is responsible for what?
- * Use knowledge to be heard
- * Learn how other foster carers have found the right people

Planning and preparation gives you confidence

- * Decide what you need and want to achieve
- * Work out a strategy to get what you need
- * Initiate and respond to a request for a meeting
- * Deal with people on the telephone

Skills to practise and develop

- * Questions to gain information and change direction
- * Active listening to build rapport and trust
- * Summarise and get commitment to action

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