

What training are the Network Plus childminders given.

We aim to provide a wide range of training for the childminders. Our training programme has been developed with the Early Years and Childcare services Area SENCO Team (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinators)

This covers the following:

Disability Awareness

Communication

Health/medical and Safety

Behaviour Strategies

Inclusive Play

Additional training is offered at regular intervals and the childminder will build up good links with the professionals working with your child to ensure continuous care

Who are the Area SENCO Team?

They are a multi professional team consisting of a Teacher (Team leader) , a Health professional, a Voluntary sector professional and a Social Work professional.

They work closely with the Childminding Network Co-ordinators

What is the Bradford Childminding Network?

Bradford Childminding Network is part of the Early Years & Childcare Service and assesses childminders to the NCMA's Children Come First Quality Assurance scheme .

Childminders are assessed against a Quality Charter and once part of this scheme are visited by a co-ordinator every 6-8 weeks.

Childminders who are part of this scheme have access to further training, resources and ongoing support from a co-ordinator.

How do I find out more?

If you are looking for a childminder or are interested in more information on the Network please contact:

Network Plus Co-ordinator

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Bradford Childminding



Network Plus

Part of the
BRADFORD CHILDMINDING NETWORK
South Square
Thornton



What is the Network Plus?

The network aims to place children with a range of additional needs with specially trained childminders. This can offer parents the opportunity to return to work or training, pursue hobbies or spend time with other family members.

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What is a Network Plus childminder?

It is a group of specially trained childminders who are registered to care for children in their own homes (or in some cases the parents home). A co-ordinator, who assesses and regularly monitors their practice, supports the childminder. Childminders also have links through the Network to many professionals within the Bradford Early Years and Childcare Service. Childminders receive the training they need to develop new skills.

What can a Network Plus childminder offer me?

Childminders can offer flexible hours to suit family's individual needs. They can offer care to children from 0- 16 years. They can offer a continuous service to parents. Some childminders who are accredited can also offer nursery education within the home setting. This is particularly valuable when a child may need more individual attention.

What is a Network Co-ordinator?

The role of the Network Co-ordinator is to ensure a suitable 'match' between the childminder and the child with additional needs. The co-ordinator will organise visits for the parents and child to the settings and support the parents and child through the placement. Once all parties are happy with the arrangements the co-ordinator will then organise any further training the childminder may need and liaise with other professionals who may be involved with the child. Then ongoing monitoring and support will be given to both childminder and parents.

How often can I use the service?

For a minimum of two hours a week, or as much as full time. A child can go before or after school and it may be possible for the child's transport to pick up and drop off directly to the childminders home.

What is the cost?

Parents usually pay the fees directly to the childminder. The childminders are self-employed and decide their own rates. The rates for a child on the Network Plus scheme will be the same as other children in the childminders care. A contract will be arranged between the childminder and the parents and fees will be arranged then. The costs may be able to be put in as part of your child's care plan.

How long will it take?

At least 4 to 6 weeks notice is needed for a successful placement to be arranged. Children need to be introduced to the childminder and be able to have visits prior to starting. The childminder may also need training to enable them to give the best possible care to your child.

Holiday periods may take longer.

Pictures kindly supplied by:

Waleed age 7, Annie age 6, Sara age 6, Jessica age 9

