



Guidance Notes

BTEC Level 4: Expert Practice in working with Traumatized Children

Guidance Notes for Fostering Teams (to be read in conjunction with Course Information sheet)

- Carers need to have completed the NVQ Level 3 Health & Social Care (Children & Young People) or Level 3 Diploma for the Children's and Young peoples workforce.
- **Carers need to be at Payment for Skills Level 2**, and demonstrating continuous professional development / fostering service involvement i.e. training / support group attendance (see eligibility criteria) or specialist carers i.e. TRP or TFC
- Carers should have completed the CWDC Training, Support and Development Standards for Foster Care.
- Application for the BTEC Level 4 should form part of the foster carers Personal Development Plan.
- Course applications **should not** be completed without prior discussion with the Fostering Worker. Careful consideration needs to be given to the carers commitment, motivation and ability to complete the award including their ICT skills.
- Online training requires both personal commitment but also the ability to manage this style of delivery - there is no 'college' attendance. Is this style of learning suited to the carer?
- Carers need to demonstrate practices enhanced through learning and you will be asked to comment on this in your supporting statement.
- The application needs to be endorsed by the Fostering Team Leader.
- Closing date for applications will be **15th February 2012**. Short-listed applicants will be invited to attend an interview on the **29th February 2012**
- An initial induction session will be planned for successful applicants – fostering workers will be expected to attend a one hour session.