



Paediatric First Aid for childminders – some notes

The Childminding Support Team organizes about five or six PFA courses a year for childminders and prospective childminders, costing £90 per course and usually taking place on Saturdays. Contact cmsupport@bristol.gov.uk for dates. BAND, Bristol Association for Neighbourhood Daycare, organizes free PFA courses for childcare providers, but as their courses are often quickly booked up you should ask to be put on their waiting list. BAND is not able to offer courses for childminding assistants, due to the level of demand.

You can source a PFA course by searching the Internet. Courses normally run over a 12 hour period and take place at various locations in and around Bristol. Fees vary between organizations. At the end of the course you should expect to receive a certificate that indicates clearly when you need to renew – the certificate should last for three years. Some providers of PFA courses now offer a six hour contact/ six hour online version; we (the Childminding Support Team) have not heard any issue or problem with this type of course from Ofsted, however we would recommend 12 hours contact time the first time that you complete the course. There are some 6 hour 'emergency' PFA courses available for nursery staff – these are not suitable for childminders or childminding assistants.

There is no over-arching body which 'approves' PFA courses, but you might expect the trainer to be a member of FOFATO, the Federation of First Aid Training Organizations.

The Early Years Foundation Stage says:

"Providers are responsible for identifying and selecting a competent training provider to deliver their PFA training." See page 22 EYFS 2017, 3. 25 and *30

Below are some possible contacts, but other courses may also be suitable. This is not a list which is 'approved' by Bristol City Council:

- BAND (Bristol Association for Neighbourhood Daycare) Tel: 0117 9542165 for **free** courses. Website: bandltd.org.uk/training/band-courses/12-hour-paediatric-first-aid
- Community Learning Tel: 0117 9039750 for cheap PFA courses and **free** to those on means- tested benefits. Website: communitylearningwest.net/
- St. John Ambulance Tel: 0117 9533880 Website: www.sja.org.uk
- British Red Cross Tel 0845 594 6524. Website <http://www.redcross.org.uk/en/What-we-do/First-aid>
- Maria Lowe Tel: 0788 4326746 Email: marialowe2012@AOL.co.uk
- Acorn Safety: 0117 958 2070
Website: www.acornsafety.co.uk/health-safety-training/first-aid-courses/paediatric-first-aid-12-hours/
- Red Hawks Training Tel: 0845 3881318 Website: www.redhawktraining.com/paediatric-first-aid-czp3
- ACTS - First Aid Training Tel: 0782 1630459 Website: www.lifelinesolutions.co.uk/
- Alphabet Childcare Ltd. Tel: 0117 9625588 Website: www.alphabet-childcare.com/first-aid-courses.html
- Brendan Bradley Tel: 0779 2986845 Website: www.line-of-sight.co.uk
- Liz Farrell Tel: 0117 9719026 / 0777 1857526
- Frenchay First Aid Tel: 0770 3965700 Website: www.frenchayfirstaid.co.uk
- First Aid Training Bristol: Tel 0333 577 9500: info@firstaidtrainingbristol.com Web: www.firstaidtrainingbristol.com