

Accreditation with BILD

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After many years of work and experience it is a good feeling to know that our work now has national recognition. This important area of the work with special people needs sensitive and careful monitoring to ensure high quality training of all staff who work with special people. Our aim over the past 15 years has been to support staff to use as little physical intervention as possible and to ensure staff work positively and proactively at all times. The accreditation process has given recognition to these endeavours and ensures that we and other training organisations will continue to be committed to high quality training. High quality training means commitment to the BILD Code of Practice and evidence of this commitment in the whole training programme.

The final part of the accreditation process is a demonstration in a training session where an assessor comes to watch training in process over two days. There is also a 10 minute presentation by the training organisation to the BILD Panel. These two events are to give the BILD Panel the confidence and assurance that the training organisation is working within the BILD Code of Practice and is actively promoting high quality training which gives dignity and respect to the vulnerable children and adults in our care. The training assessment could be worrying for course participants who need to be well-briefed that this assessment will be taking place and it is of course important to ensure they do not feel that this detracts from their own training.

The accreditation process includes a visit to observe some of the training over two days and the submission of programmes and supporting information as required by BILD. It is important that this submission document follows precisely the requirements so that the BILD panel can be assured that the information fulfils the essential criteria as laid down in the handbook. This does seem tedious and a lot of extra work on top of everyday paperwork overload but does ensure that applicants fully understand the whole of the BILD Code of Practice. It also assists the BILD panel in their final assessment.

The final presentation to the panel can be nerve-wracking but if the programme is sound, fulfils the requirements and the trainers know

their work really well it is not a problem. So our advice is to be well prepared and very experienced in the training associated with Physical Interventions.

Training organisations who have been working to improve standards for many years will be pleased to overcome this hurdle and then to continue to improve standards so that nationally we can be proud of this essential part of our work.

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