

LEVEL 5 DIPLOMA IN LEADERSHIP FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE AND CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES

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Who is it for?

This is not an early years qualification, although some training providers try to represent it as one.

It is however an excellent qualification for those working as managers, deputy managers, team leaders and support workers in child related sectors such as:

- residential services for children and young people
- domiciliary care services
- day services
- respite services
- community based services
- adoption and fostering services

What is the structure?

You must achieve 80 credits in total. 46 to 54 of these, depending on the exact pathway you choose, come from the mandatory units and the balance from a selection of optional units. The mandatory units are:

- Promote communication
- Promote professional development
- Champion equality, diversity and inclusion
- Develop health and safety and risk management
- Work in partnership
- Understand child development
- Supports positive outcomes for child development
- Develop and implement policies and procedures to support safeguarding
- Lead and manage group living for children
- Lead and manage a team
- Develop professional supervision practice
- Promoting well-being and resilience

Where will it take me?

This qualification replaced the former Level 4 NVQ in Leadership and Management for Care Services and the Level 4 NVQ in Health and Social Care, which were accepted as entry requirements to a number of higher education programmes. As well as demonstrating continuing professional development, the Diploma can enable those who wish to do so to meet the registration and regulation requirements, for example in the management of children's homes.

How is it delivered?

You will be assigned a personal assessor – an experienced practitioner who is there to help and guide you. You will build up evidence to of what you know, and what you can do: this will be stored in a web based e-portfolio, which you and your assessor can access at any time.

You will develop your knowledge through studying a mixture of printed and online resources and attending webinars: your assessor will test your knowledge by setting you a variety of tasks and will also visit you regularly in the workplace to observe your practice.

How long does it take?

There is no fixed time – it depends on how committed you are and how easily we can carry out observations. 12 to 18 months is typical.

What funding is available?

Because this is a Level 5 qualification no government funding is available.

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