

**Foster Carer Training Pathway**

Surrey provides a wealth of training for their Foster Carers through different platforms. Please find information about how to access these platforms and Surrey’s credit system on the SharePoint Learning and Development page: (<https://orbispartnerships.sharepoint.com/sites/surrey_fostering/SitePages/Learning-%26-Development.aspx>)

The table below provides details of Mandatory and Next Steps training. This will be reviewed and updated annually. In addition to the training below there are more specialised courses available which may be identified as relevant to the fostering household.

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|  | **Training Title** | **Online** or**In Person** | **Platform** |
|  | Skills to Foster | Either | By Assessing SSW or Olive |
| **Mandatory****Pre-approval**(or as a one off if added since approval) | Recording | Online | Link sent by Skills team |
| Prevent | Online | Olive as well as[Prevent duty training: Learn how to support people susceptible to radicalisation | Prevent duty training](https://www.support-people-susceptible-to-radicalisation.service.gov.uk/) |
| Surrey Working together to Safeguard Children | Online | Link sent by Skills team |
| Equality, Diversity and Cultural Competence | Online | Training Hub |
| **Mandatory (one off)** | Our Shoes – respect | Either | Olive |
|  | Understanding behaviour of children and young people | Online | Olive |
| **Mandatory****(every 3 years)** | First Aid for Childrens workforce and Foster Carers  | In Person | Olive |
| Medication Level 2 Foster carer England | Online | Training Hub |
| Working Together to Safeguard Children | Online | Olive |
| Risk Management and Safer Care Fostering | Online | Training Hub |
| *Safeguarding disabled children (where relevant)* | Online | Olive |

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| **Next Steps**(suggested training, relevant to most Foster Carers)**Multi-agency training** (not just foster carers) | Virtual School e-PEP Training | Online | Olive |
| Therapeutic Parenting introduction video | Online | SharePoint Learning & Development page |
| Working with birth parents within fostering and adoption | Online | Training Hub |
| Coping with the emotional demands of fostering | Either | Olive |
| Internet Safety | Online | Training Hub |
| PACE Training | Online | Training Hub |
| Managing allegations against adults who work in regulated activities with children in positions of trust  | Either | Olive |
| Sexual Health  | In person | Olive |
| De-escalation Training | In person | Olive |
| Compassion Fatigue | In person | Olive |
| Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in Fostering (2 hrs) | Either | Olive |
| Virtual Reality Headsets – insight into trauma (multiple) | In person | Olive |
| An introduction to harmful sexual behaviour: young children and adolescents (6hrs) | In person | Olive |
| Child Exploitation Workshop (2hrs) | Online | Olive |

The Learning and Development SharePoint page has information about credits and a selection of other resources for learning.

**Understanding our main training platforms:**

**Olive:** This is a Surrey based platform which allows you to book and complete e-learning but also to book in person training sessions. There can sometimes be difficulties with the Olive login process due to computer settings. If you need support with this please email surreychildrens.academy@surreycc.gov.uk. Please note that if you are searching for a course on Olive you need to use the correct course title.

**Training Hub:** There are over 400 courses on this platform. When your account is created you will be allocated approximately 40 courses which you can choose from (including some mandatory courses). If you are looking for training on a specific topic please first discuss this with your SSW who will organise for this to be allocated to your account if appropriate.

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