

Accredited Centre South West



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"Improving and recognising performance through quality assessment"

Our offer

We offer a wide range of learning and development opportunities within the Children and Young People services, via our portfolio of NVQ awards and associated development activities to enable individuals and organisations working within the Learning and Development and Information, Advice and Guidance arenas to initiate, maintain and quality assure development and practice.

We achieve this by enabling individuals to complete the appropriate NVQ for their role whether new or experienced to the work area as follows

How you benefit

Individuals new to a work role guided by their Assessor are able to use their NVQ as training needs analysis tool to measure themselves against the national standards for skill areas for their job and then develop an action plan to fill any gaps identified.

Individuals who are experienced in a job role again guided by their Assessor will be able to use their award as a reflective tool for continual professional development, as trusted professional practitioners they will be able to identify their own development needs in line with national occupational standards.

Additionally some individuals may use the NVQ to quality assure their own work practices which may have been established for many years; maintaining confidence in their delivery to current standards. This can be achieved by completing the whole award or just relevant units covering specific skill areas.

Organisations will gain an ongoing wealth of new and refined work practices voiced by individuals who are evaluating and developing best practice for work via their NVQ, to sustain organisational development.

About NVQ's

This may not be relevant to you, National Vocational Qualifications – qualifications which work with the skills, knowledge and understanding that meet industry standards for work (and are designed to promote flexibility and choice for individuals); have facilitated positive personal and organisational development in a multitude of professions and industries e.g. Information/Advice and Guidance, Teacher/Training, Management, Information Technology, Armed Services, Operating Theatre Practice, Sport and Recreation, Retail, Customer Service.

Portfolio of awards currently available:

Advice and Guidance

Advice and Guidance level 2

Advice and Guidance level 3

Advice and Guidance level 4

Learning and Development and Support Services for Children, Young People and Those who Care for Them (Supporting Young People) Level 3

Learning and Development and Support Services for Children, Young People and Those who Care for Them (Learning Mentors) Level 3

Learning and Development and Support Services for Children, Young People and Those who Care for Them (Supporting Young People) Level 4

Learning and Development and Support Services for Children, Young People and Those who Care for Them (Learning Mentors) Level 4

Learning and Development Suite of Awards including:

- A1 Assessor Award
- V1 Internal Verifier Award
- Coaching and Mentoring Awards
- Unit L20 Support Competence achieved in the Workplace

Learning and Development Level 3

Health and Social Care

Health & Social Care Level 2

Health & Social Care (Children & Young People) Level 3

Health & Social Care (Adults) Level 3

Health & Social Care (Children & Young People) Level 4

Health & Social Care (Adults) Level 4

Registered Managers (Adults) Level 4

Customer Service

Customer Service Level 1

Customer Service Level 2

Customer Service Level 3

Business Administration

Business Administration Level 1
Business Administration Level 2
Business Administration Level 3

Management

Team Leading Level 2
Management Level 3
Management Level 4
Management Level 5

Background / History of ACSW

Initially founded in 2002 as the accredited centre for three Connexions companies (Somerset/Dorset/Cornwall & Devon) and providing NVQ's within Advice and Guidance and Learning and Development, we were one of the forerunners to offer the new LDSS award recognising it's value for those staff working within the area of Children's services in response to the "Every Child Matters" paper and recommendations for workforce development i.e. including the challenge to breakdown the barriers for staff moving within roles across organisations to retain expertise.

We have carefully built a team of assessors and verifiers that uphold the very best standards in assessment. We have worked hard to develop a sound working partnership with our Awarding Body OCR. Supporting this is an administrative team that ensures all the background work runs smoothly, including relevant reports to our assessment team and customers alike.

Partnerships

- *a learning programme franchise between ourselves and Somerset College of Arts and Technology (SCAT)*
- *provision of learning mentor pathway for the LDSS award for staff within North Somerset*
- *provision of Advice & Guidance NVQs for Somerset County Training (SCT)*
- *currently providing assessment for Connexions Somerset staff*

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