

How can I find out more?

If you would like to know more about Support with Confidence, please get in touch for a friendly chat on 0845 050 7666, or email us on:

Email: SupportWithConfidence@oxfordshire.gov.uk

You can also visit the Oxfordshire website for self directed support where you will find some more details about Support with Confidence:

www.takingcontroloxon.org.uk/pa

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Support with Confidence

Becoming an Approved Personal Assistant



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Support with Confidence in Oxfordshire

Support with Confidence is a unique scheme from Trading Standards and Oxfordshire County Council. The first of its kind in the UK, it offers peace of mind to people wishing to employ a Personal Assistant.

The Council-run scheme offers a free seven-day training, carries out Enhanced Criminal Records Checks and reference checks and registers Personal Assistants who successfully complete the requirements of the scheme.

All Approved Personal Assistants are added to a register, and are issued with a numbered certificate as proof of their Approved status.

What training is included?

The training that this scheme provides for Personal Assistants includes:

- Principles of Care
- Food Safety
- Infection Control
- Safeguarding Adults
- Moving & Handling
- First Aid Awareness
- Health Promotion
- Communication Skills

Professional standards

All of the Personal Assistants approved by this Scheme must meet standards covering Promotion of Users' Rights, Confidentiality, Independence and Risk. Approved Personal Assistants are required to sign up to Terms and Conditions as well as a Code of Conduct.

What else is in it for me?

- ✔ All training, checks and vetting are paid for by Oxfordshire County Council.
- ✔ Being on the Council database of Approved Personal Assistant will help people who are considering employing a Personal Assistant to find you.
- ✔ As an Approved Personal Assistant you will have all checks carried out in advance by the Council. This will save you and your employer time as well as money.
- ✔ Finally, by achieving Approved status you show commitment to and evidence of adhering to high professional standards in social care. This gives you a distinct advantage over other candidates.