Level 4
Children, Young People & Families Practitioner
(V1.0)

Overview

The End-Point Assessment (EPA) is the final stage of the apprenticeship and provides an opportunity for apprentices to demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and behaviours they have developed during their Children, Young People and Families Practitioner Level 4 apprenticeship.

The assessment for a Children, Young People and Families Practitioner Level 4 apprentice includes an Observation of Practice and a Competence Interview.

An apprentice cannot achieve their apprenticeship without passing the End-Point Assessment.

The End-Point Assessment for Children, Young People and Families Practitioner Level 4 can be carried out either remotely or face to face depending on the activity being observed and must comply with the requirements of the assessment plan and safeguarding arrangements

Gateway

Gateway requirements for Children, Young People and Families Practitioner Level 4 apprentices include:

- Evidence of achieving relevant maths and English qualifications if required by funding regulations or the employer requirements.
- A Portfolio of Evidence demonstrating completion of the knowledge, skills, and behaviours.
- A current DBS Certificate.
- Achievement of the mandatory qualification.
- Typically, 24 months on programme (minimum 12 months).

Assessment Methods

Observation of Practice

The purpose of the observation within practice is to assess the competency of the apprentice within their work environment against the KSBs for this standard. During the observation, the apprentice will work with or on behalf of a child or young person as an individual and as a central part of a family/carer entity. The observation will last for 80-90 minutes.

Competence Interview Informed by Submission of Portfolio

The Competence Interview is designed to confirm that the apprentice understands and can clearly explain the work included in their portfolio, although the portfolio itself is not directly assessed. The portfolio is not directly assessed and is used solely to inform questioning during the Competence Interview. Lasting 55–60 minutes, the interview focuses on the apprentice's professional practice and the work referenced in the portfolio, exploring how they have applied the required knowledge, skills, and behaviours in their role. It aims to validate the quality of the work presented, address any gaps or perceived weaknesses in skills or knowledge, and explore the reasoning behind how and why the work was carried out.

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Results

Results will be communicated within 10 working days of the final assessment.

If an apprentice fails one or more components, they will be offered the opportunity to resit/retake the component(s). It is then up to the apprentice's employer how many attempts an apprentice is given.

Where any assessment method must be resat or retaken, the apprentice will be awarded a maximum EPA grade of a Pass. Resits and retakes are not offered to an apprentice wishing to move from a Pass to a higher grade.