

Adopted: 25th April 2017

TRAINING POLICY

STATEMENT

Age UK Cambridgeshire & Peterborough (AUKCAP) is committed to encouraging its staff and volunteers to develop their skills by appropriate training and will, so far as resources permit, support staff to take formal courses leading to qualifications appropriate to their work for the charity.

In addition to the forgoing the Board of AUKCAP will encourage staff to take courses to develop their personal skills and may be able to offer some assistance with the costs of doing so where the Board sees an appropriate benefit accruing to AUKCAP.

The charity is not able to provide support for courses of general education.

GENERAL TERMS OF ASSISTANCE

Vocational Training directly related to employment by AUKCAP.

The work of AUKCAP requires that staff and volunteers undergo appropriate training on recruitment and subsequently.

All staff will be given formal induction training to familiarise them with the organisation and the area of work they are engaged in. Where appropriate staff will be required to hold vocational skills certificates, e.g. in food hygiene and to renew these as and when necessary.

Volunteers will be given appropriate training as necessary for the area of work they are involved in.

Form of Support

- ◆ AUKCAP will pay all course fees and incidental expenses incurred in attending any training course required to be attended by a member of staff or volunteer directly related to their employment by AUKCAP. Such courses will include instruction in basic skills such as moving and handling, health and safety at work, food hygiene, first aid, personal safety and training in the use of new equipment or processes.

- ◆ The charity will also support attendance at training courses, conferences and seminars which will improve the effectiveness of its staff and volunteers by the development of personal skills needed in the workplace.
- ◆ Where possible courses should be those available locally and provided by appropriate Age UK organisations, such as by AUKCAP itself, the Age UK association, or local umbrella bodies, principal local authorities or other appropriate bodies or organisations.

Vocational training not directly related to employment by AUKCAP.

It is in the interests of AUKCAP to encourage staff to develop their personal knowledge and skills. Assistance may be given towards the costs of a course of study leading directly to a recognised vocational qualification. Such assistance will be at the discretion of the Senior Management Team of AUKCAP and will depend on the nature of the course and the resources available to the organisation at the time any request is made.

Form of support

Staff may be afforded any or all of the following:

- ◆ paid or unpaid time off to attend approved training courses
- ◆ reimbursement of travel and other out of pocket expenses necessarily incurred in attending such courses
- ◆ reimbursement of all or part of any course fee
- ◆ reimbursement of all or part of any examination fee
- ◆ reimbursement of all or part of the costs of attending any residential course sessions

Condition

Anyone assisted in accordance with this policy will be required to give an undertaking to work for the organisation for a period of at least two years following the completion of the course and if they leave voluntarily during that period to refund to the organisation any training costs incurred by AUKCAP pro rata to the period remaining.

IDENTIFYING TRAINING NEEDS

New staff

On joining the organisation, regardless of which service they will be working in, all new staff will be required to complete:

- Personal Safety / Lone Worker training
- Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults training
- Fire Safety training

Following that, service specific training relating to that particular service need will be identified, provided and required to be undertaken.

Annual Review Meeting

As required by the charity's policy on Support, Supervision and Review, the Annual Review Meeting will allow every employee to discuss training and study requirements with their Line Manager. Access to training/study will be in accordance with this Training Policy.

Record Keeping

The Annual Review process will record the training/study identified as required and completed. In instances where training has been identified as required, but not carried out then reasons for this will also be recorded at the same time.

EVALUATION

All training courses and seminars will be evaluated by attendees and the extent to which training has influenced performance will be considered at Supervision and Annual Review Meetings.