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Nottinghamshire Families Information Service

Information for parents & carers

Nannies & approved childcarers

Benefits of using a nanny

- You may be able to negotiate very flexible hours with a nanny to suit your working pattern. This may include overnight care and babysitting.
- This option may give you more "say" in your child's routine, dietary requirements, activities and play environment.
- Siblings of all ages can be cared for together.
- Your child will benefit from the continuity of being cared for by one person.
- Your child is cared for in their own community so can easily take part in local activities and clubs.
- A nanny may be willing to care for a child who is not well.

What else do I need to consider?

The cost to employ a nanny can range from £127 to £400 per week. You will also be required to pay their tax and National Insurance contributions, as you will be their employer. You will need to provide a room and food if they 'live in' and there will be some loss of privacy for the family (especially if the nanny lives in). You will need to provide employers liability insurance, car insurance if the nanny uses your car and an endorsement to your home contents policy. Other cost considerations include holiday, maternity and sick pay, a mobile phone and heating, lighting, wear and tear on the home and additional food and drink.

How do I find a nanny?

You can find a nanny through an agency (there will be a fee). These are listed in the telephone book under "nanny agencies". Nottinghamshire Families Information Service - 0800 7812168 - has details of some agencies. Or you can place an advert in the newspaper and be prepared to interview and select a nanny yourself. The Sure Start and Extended Services Unit provide an in depth guide to interviewing and employing approved Childcarers (including nannies). It is worth remembering that if you find a nanny you like, you can ask them to become an approved carer, offering to pay the fee. This will give you additional reassurance and benefits.

