



# Support with Confidence

## Benefits of the Support with Confidence scheme

1. If you employ a Personal Assistant (PA), you can access training and accreditation for them through the Support with Confidence scheme. The Support with Confidence scheme is an accreditation process for PAs that is free and open to all existing and prospective PAs within Nottinghamshire. Support with Confidence offers a free DBS check, access to training and an online forum. Accredited PAs may also find additional work if they wish by being listed on [www.nottshelpyourself.org.uk](http://www.nottshelpyourself.org.uk)

Follow the link below to find out more information or to apply to join the scheme <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/adultsocial-care/working-in-social-care/personalassistants>

Other benefits for PAs on the support with Confidence scheme include:

2. **Optimum Workforce Leadership:** Optimum Workforce Leadership, which is run by Nottinghamshire County Council, provides support and training opportunities to the social care sector. By being a member, you get access to useful resources, events and training as well as the Workforce Development Fund. Apply to become a member: <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/owl/membership>
3. **Skills for Care:** Skills for Care is an organisation that offers information and funding opportunities to the health and social care sector.

Apply for funding from Skills for Care, through the skills for workforce development fund, to train your PA or develop their skills further. This funding can be applied for even if PAs are not on the Support with Confidence scheme. This funding can only be applied for by the employer on behalf of the PA.

Skills for Care also provides access to the personal assistants' employers' toolkit, which is a useful resource for employers of PA's. <http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/Home.aspx>

4. **PA forum:**

Support with Confidence enables accredited PAs to access the provider forum on [www.nottshelpyourself.org.uk](http://www.nottshelpyourself.org.uk) PAs can use this forum to get in touch with and network with other PAs. The forum includes comment boxes on specific topics. The forum can also provide an informal support system for PAs.

5. **Contact information:**

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