



Breastfeeding Policy Statement



Chiltern Creative Community Hub

Background

Chiltern Creative Community Hub recognises breastfeeding as the optimum means of infant feeding.

Chiltern Creative Community Hub has a duty and responsibility to demonstrate active support, through its policies and staff training practices as well as informing mothers who wish to breastfeed of their support.

Guidelines

Chiltern Creative Community Hub acknowledges and supports the rights of women to breastfeed their children in all public areas of their premises. If the mother is happy to feed her baby in a public area, then she should be made to feel comfortable to continue. A chair can be offered for her comfort and convenience.

If a mother wishes to feed her baby in private, our staff should advise her of the facilities available. If a mother chooses not to avail herself of the facilities which have been offered to her, her right to do so must be respected.

Ladies toilets are not acceptable as a private space to breastfeed and should not be offered as they do not offer a hygienic environment.

The sensitivity of personal opinions of staff must be acknowledged but should not be allowed to deter women from breastfeeding.

Staff will be made aware of the policy, and have it explained to them before it is widely publicised to service users.

The Equality law October 2010 prohibits any mother from being prevented from breastfeeding in public.

If a member of the public objects to a mother breastfeeding, then it is Chiltern Creative Community Hub policy to move the complainant rather than the mother herself, to an area where they will no longer be able to 'view' the mother.

The complainant should also be informed that this is part of Chiltern Creative Community Hub breastfeeding policy. However, Chiltern Creative Community Hub may also like to re-iterate that it is their policy to meet the needs of all their customers/users and make their visit as pleasant as possible.