

Prepare to Practice

**Research into the requirements for
dance practitioners to work within
the Sports, Education and Health
Sectors**

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Brief

To research and collate information, and recommend a training programme resulting in qualifications for dance practitioners in Devon, Plymouth and Cornwall that will be relevant to employers in the health, education and social welfare sectors.

Method

Questionnaires were sent to the following people:

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Netty Cleave Music and Dance Coordinator St Catherines Primary School

Frances Chinemana Consultant in Public Health NHS Wiltshire

Karen Jones Development Manager Active Devon

Susan McAdie Business Health Network Coordinator NHS Plymouth

Stephen Pettet-Smith Arts Manager Acute Hospital

Peter Urslem General Manager ArtCare Salisbury District Hospital

Ruth Way Senior Lecturer – Performing Arts Plymouth University

Rob Wright Development Manager Plymouth SSP

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Recommendations

In order to fulfil the requirements of employers and organisations, it is recommended that all practitioners have the following:

Insurance

Practitioners should have an insurance policy that covers them for the duties to be undertaken, this ensures the individual and participants are covered in the event of accident, negligence etc. Essential cover is required: Public Liability and Professional Indemnity – a minimum of £5 million is recommended.

Links to policy providers:

<http://www.danceuk.org/joining-us/>

<http://www.communitydance.org.uk/>

<http://www.charityinsure.co.uk/>

<http://www.equity.org.uk/dance/>

First Aid Training (Min 6 hour course)

Basis knowledge on how to respond in an emergency, this included cuts, bruises, sprains, head injuries and Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation. A Course should be attended every three years which should be a minimum 6 hour EFAAW (Emergency First Aid at Work) recognised course.

For more information see: <http://sportscoachuk.org>

Child Protection Training

Courses should raise awareness of the signs of abuse and poor practice, and equip the practitioner with the tools to deal with any issues sensitively, appropriately and effectively.

For more information on courses available contact:

admin@plymouthdance.org.uk, claire.summers@plymouthdance.org.uk or

intern@plymouthdance.org.uk

Vulnerable Adults Training

Attendance at an accredited course which will deliver appropriate knowledge and skills to enhance current practice.

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DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) Check

All practitioners must have a valid enhanced DBS check.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/disclosure-and-barring-service>

Qualification

Minimum of Level 2 Qualifications qualify the practitioner to prepare, deliver and review sessions, without the supervision. Level 2 equivalent qualifications;

- GCSE at grades A*–C
- Higher Diploma
- City & Guilds, Level 2

It is also recommended that practitioners complete a Dance/Sports Leaders course.

For information regards Dance Leaders courses in Plymouth please contact:

info@barbicantheatre.co.uk or claire@eximdance.org.uk

Courses identified

To find courses on Safeguarding and Child Protection, Inclusive coaching- Disability and Emergency First-Aid.

See the following website for further details:

<http://sportscoachuk.org>

Funding

Plymouth City Council offers grant aid up to £500 to attend courses run by the Sports Development Unit:

www.plymouth.gov.uk/grantaid

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Links and Sources of Information

Plymouth City Council – Sports Development Unit

<http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/sport>

Active Devon

<http://www.activedevon.org/>

Cornwall Sports Partnership

<http://www.cornwallsportpartnership.co.uk/>

Devon Voluntary Youth Service

http://www.vysdevon.org.uk/page/training_overview

Sports Leaders UK

<http://www.sportsleaders.org/>

Devon Children's Trust

<http://devonchildrenstrust.org.uk/>

National Occupational Standards (NOS) in Dance Leadership launched by DTAP and Creative & Cultural Skills

http://www.dtap.org.uk/NOS_in_Dance_Leadership.pdf

Exercise Movement and Dance Partnership

New Level 2 Street Dance Training Qualification now available

<http://www.emdp.org/>

Dance Training Accreditation Partnership (DTAP)

<http://www.dtap.org.uk/>