

Resource 13

Difficult Conversations

Preparation

Think about what you need to discuss and ways to approach this.

What are the issues and possible solutions, what compromises are you prepared to both make.

Environment

Sometimes neutral surroundings can be more comfortable than the place of work.

No distractions I.e. mobile phones or other members of the household interrupting.

Comfortable seating.

Confidentiality

Consider where the conversation will take place to ensure confidentiality is respected.

Other considerations

Ensure you seek the assistant / apprentice / co-childminder's view point and reflections on the issues discussed to ensure you are fair in your considerations.

Make drinks available.