



# CHILDCARE AGENCY

Childcare agencies supply or introduce to parents a childcarer who looks after a child or young person up to the age of 16, wholly or mainly in the home of that child's parent or parents.

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Services are registered with the Scottish Commission for the Regulation of Care (commonly known as the Care Commission). Qualified staff must be registered with an appropriate registering body and all staff must have an enhanced disclosure.

## Is there a cost to the agency?

The Childcare Agency charges a fee for supplying or introducing you to one of the services they provide. This may cost between £75 and £350 depending on your requirements.

## What services are available?

Each Childcare Agency has different services available to you in your own home:-

**Nanny** is usually experienced or qualified and will be responsible for general care of the children and duties relating to the children (laundry, cooking, tidying, cleaning). Contract will be between you and the Nanny and you will also be responsible for paying Salary, Tax and National Insurance. Hourly rate is between £6.50 and £8.00.

**Mother's/Father's Help** are similar to a Nanny although they are employed as an extra help around the house not left in sole charge of children. Hourly rate is between £5.50 and £6.50.

**Babysitters** come into your home to provide occasional care at anytime of day or on special occasions. There is usually a maximum amount of time per year available and a minimum payment limit (2-3 hours). Hourly rate is between £6.50 and £7.50.

**Sitter Services** provide flexible, affordable and convenient childcare usually between the hours of 7am and 10.30pm for educational, social, recreational and employment opportunities. Services have an hourly rate.

**Staff Vacancies** may also be offered for those searching for work or employers needing to fill a post (i.e. Nursery Nurses, Playleaders, Out of School Care staff). Services may also include; Overseas positions in Ski or Holiday resorts, Specialist staff including dance, sport, baby and Hotel childcare/babysitting.

**Maternity Nurse** are employed to care for newborn babies giving help, guidance, advice on routines, feeding, sleeping etc.

## How do I find a Childcare Agency?

Falkirk Childcare Information Service can provide you with a wide range of information on childcare provision, pre-school education and childcare issues and information is also available from the Care Commission.

## Contacts

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