

PRESS RELEASE

"Aspire Training Team are Outstanding" Say Ofsted

The Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) which carries out inspections to achieve excellence in the care of children and young people and in education and skills for learners of all ages, has reported that training provider **Aspire Training Team**, in Bournemouth, is **Outstanding in every area of examination.**

Aspire Training Team which started in March 2008 is approved by City & Guilds to offer a range of courses locally, all relating to working in a care environment. The team have achieved a Beacon Award and it's the only service of its kind to achieve an Outstanding Ofsted grade for quality of training in the South. The Government describe the Aspire Training Team as a "world class work based training provision."

Last month Ofsted reported:

"Aspire Qualification results are higher than the national average. Success rates for apprentices are exceptionally good and consistently exceed national averages. Learners and staff say the positive and supportive culture encourages them to perform beyond their expectations. Outcomes for learners are outstanding overall."

Aspire promises 'Opportunity through training and mentorship' and trains learners and employers in 11 nurseries and 7 play clubs. The private learning provider offers apprenticeship training in health, public services and care across Dorset, Somerset, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. They currently have 95 learners with 53 following the apprenticeship programme. Learners develop particularly high levels of skill with a significant number of apprentices progressing into employment within nurseries and achieving Management status and other high levels of responsibility.

Many of Aspire's training team are former apprentices themselves. Aspire Director, Kelly Russell says: *Many of our training team started as unqualified staff in nurseries and care homes and have worked up to supervisor and management jobs. So we know first-hand what the challenges are of working, training and running your own home at the same time. We can relate to our learners and we work flexibly with them to ensure the best achievements. We are thrilled to have the Outstanding Ofsted result!"*

For more information about Aspire training, visit the website as www.aspiretrainingteam.co.uk or call 01202 551553.

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