

Breastfeeding Policy

Reason for policy

The purpose of this policy is to provide support for mothers who wish to breastfeed their babies in libraries.

Policy statements

Mothers are welcome to breastfeed in libraries. However, having regard for all the activities that take place in a library, staff are encouraged to designate suitable areas that are safe for the mother and baby.

The children's area in the larger libraries is particularly identified as to be a comfortable and suitable environment, and staff will usually direct a mother to this area.

All staff will support the needs of any mother who wishes to breastfeed on these premises.

The management will always support the right of a mother to breastfeed her baby.

If and where available, private facilities for breastfeeding will be provided at the request of the breastfeeding mother.

All staff should be made aware of the policy and its guidelines.

The guidelines for this policy should be clearly displayed.

Who does it apply to?

To any library user

Any staff member