



Breastfeeding Policy Statement

HULL TRUCK THEATRE

There is overwhelming evidence that breastfeeding is good for the health of infants and young children. *Hull Truck Theatre* supports breastfeeding and has a duty and responsibility to demonstrate active support, through its policies and staff training practices as well as informing mothers who wish to breastfeed of their support.

1. Hull Truck Theatre acknowledges and supports the rights of women to breastfeed their children in all public areas of the premises. If a mother is happy to feed her baby in a public area, then she should be made to feel comfortable to continue. A chair and water can be offered for her comfort and convenience.
2. If a mother requests to feed her baby in private, staff will advise her of the facilities available (a quieter area of the upstairs foyer spaces). If a mother chooses not to avail herself of the facilities which have been offered to her, her right to do so will be respected.
3. Ladies toilets are not acceptable as a private space to breastfeed and will not be offered as they are not a hygienic environment.
4. The Equality and Human Rights Commission has stated that, while no complaint has been formally pursued, preventing a woman from breastfeeding could constitute discrimination under the Equality Act 2010.
5. If a member of the public objects to a mother breastfeeding then it is the Hull Truck Theatre policy to move the complainant, rather than the mother herself, to an area where they will no longer be able to 'view' the mother. The complainant should be informed that this is part of Hull Truck Theatre breastfeeding policy. However, Hull Truck Theatre may also like to re-iterate that it is their policy to meet the needs of all their customers/users and make their visit as pleasant as possible.