Electronic Sources

How do I reference a webpage?

Example of citation within the text – Paraphrasing
As a child-minder, you will be self-employed. This job allows you to work flexible hours and enjoy a satisfying career. It also enables you to look after your own family and earn money to contribute to the household income. (Skills for Care and Development, 2012)

Example of citation within the text – Direct quote
According to the Skills for Development and Care organisation (2012), “child-minding is a self-employed position with opportunities to work flexible hours and makes it possible to have a fulfilling career while bringing up your own family and maintaining a good standard of living”.

Example of how the reference for this source should appear:

Webpages - points to note
The following format should be used when referencing webpages:

Author (Year) Title of webpage. Place of publication: Publisher. [Online]. Available from: web address [Accessed date].

As yet, there is no fixed standard applied to citing electronic sources – the key is consistency. If you apply a consistent style throughout your work, your reader will be able to understand the information and trace the sources that you have used.

If no individual author is mentioned, try and identify the department/section that is responsible for the Web page i.e. “Kingston University Library”, and treat as a corporate author.