Welcome to the Early Years and Childcare Bulletin.

All information should be accessible through direct links, ensuring easy access and up to date information.

Please circulate this EY Bulletin to all staff and Committee members so that all EY providers are aware of new updates and key information, both locally and nationally.

The Northamptonshire EY Website is available for information on funding, the early years foundation stage (EYFS) and teaching resources and training.

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Early Years Consultation

Dear Provider

Wednesday 3rd July will see the publication of Phase 1 of the Early Years Consultation process for Schools Forum Approval for 2020-2021 budget. The two phase process will allow us early engagement with the sector; feedback on the initial consultation has already been received from a range of service providers. The two phase approach will allow detailed analysis of responses to Phase 1, ensuring Phase 2 of the consultation will be targeted and reflective of the direction of travel for the early years’ sector in Northamptonshire.

Timeline – Phase 1 will be published by 5th July and will remain open until 4th August. Analysis of consultation responses will take place in August, with Phase two Consultation questions being developed for initial sector feedback in September. These will then go to schools forum for approval in October, once approved they will form the basis of the Schools Forum Consultation for the 2020-2021 budget.

I look forward to your responses and would like to thank those providers who have been involved with the formulation of the Phase 1 questions.

Andrew Cadman
Interim Head of Early Years

Current Training Opportunities

EY Provider Network Meetings - New Ofsted Framework

The new education inspection framework 2019, sets out how Ofsted proposes to inspect schools, further education and skills provision and registered early years settings.

The Network meeting will be presented by the EY Improvement Team and will be based around information from an Ofsted Presentation.

The Network meeting will cover the key changes to the framework and support settings to understand how their settings will be inspected from September 2019.

You can find the related documents here.

Settings are able to book one place on one of the sessions of their choice, so that as many settings as possible are able to attend.

The details of the sessions are available below and can be booked from Friday 14th July.

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**Early Help & Signs of Safety**

This bite-size training is for designated Safeguarding Leads and practitioners who are supporting families who need extra help. It is designed to support practitioners with the referral pathway to targeted support and gives practical ideas and tools to use within the setting to support the more vulnerable child. Places are limited to one per setting.

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**Childminders session – Early Help & Signs of Safety**

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**Effective Committee run EY provision – Early Years Alliance**

We are fortunate to be able to offer a bespoke training opportunity with the [Early Years Alliance](https://earlyyearsalliance.org.uk), and are hosting a training session aimed at [Voluntary Management Committee members](https://earlyyearsalliance.org.uk). The session will be run by the EY Alliance. They will be exploring the roles and responsibilities of Committee Members and supporting members to develop effective working as a Committee team within the Setting.

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The cost to settings will be £10 per person from an Early Years Alliance member group and £15 per person for non-members. Anyone wanting to book on can do so by contacting the Early Years Alliance on [centralengland@eyalliance.org.uk](mailto:centralengland@eyalliance.org.uk)

**Designated Safeguarding Lead**

This course is aimed at the designated safeguarding lead who is new into the role. This is not a refresher course. The course explores roles, responsibilities and knowledge needed to fulfil the role as a new designated safeguarding lead practitioner.

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New to the EYFS Stage for EY Practitioners, Nursery and Reception Teachers, and Teaching Assistants in PVI Settings and Schools

This one day course is for early years practitioners, teachers and teaching assistants in PVI settings and schools who are new to working in the Early Years Foundation Stage. You will have the opportunity to become familiar with the EYFS documents, identify the different ways children learn, reflect on how adults engage children in the learning process and explore effective parental partnerships through a range of practical activities and discussions.

Supporting EY Providers with using the EY Funding Portal

The first training sessions covered the basic use of the EY Portal for new providers and a refresher session for current providers took place recently.

The bitesized session covered:

- Logging In and Passwords
- Receiving Portal Messages
- Entering the Headcount and personal details for children
- Submitting the Headcount
- Time to ask FAQs

Places are currently limited, and we are only able to allocate one place per setting to allow for as many different settings as possible to attend. **These sessions will also support development of some detailed screenshots of the Portal workings and FAQ which will be available for all providers.**

To register your interest, please email earlyyearsimprovement@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk and confirmation will be sent to you, if spaces are still available.

National Portage Workshop

We are pleased to be able to offer another National Portage Workshop starting in June. This course will run over 2 full days and a half day, with a follow up half day in Sep. All sessions must be attended to achieve accreditation. Delegates can attend the course for their own professional development or as part of the Portage Stamp of Approval. The National Portage Association (NPA) Stamp of Approval.
Scheme is an award given to early year’s settings who have demonstrated they deliver inclusive early years education based upon Portage Principles. See [www.portage.org.uk](http://www.portage.org.uk) for further information on the Portage Stamp of Approval.

Places will be offered both from within Northamptonshire (subsidised at a cost of £50 per delegate) and nationally. Places are limited for this course so early booking is recommended. To book, please follow the link below. NB please make sure you book onto Portage Workshop 1 to get the subsidised price.

Dates for the course:

- Friday 28th June 2019 from 9.00am - 4.30 pm
- Friday 5th July 2019 from 9.00am - 4.30 pm
- Thursday 11th July 2019 from 9.00am - 12.30 pm
- Friday 6th September 2019 from 9.00am - 12.30 pm


Northamptonshire Educational Psychology Service

We would like to thank Frances Smart for all her amazing work she has done for the Northamptonshire Baby Room Project. We hope she has a fun filled retirement after nearly 50 years working at the County Council in her various roles.

For any future manual or course requests please contact Charlotte Ireland at: [NorthantsBabyRoom@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:NorthantsBabyRoom@northamptonshire.gov.uk)

The Northamptonshire Baby Room Project© – Practitioner’s Courses 2019-2020

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If a place is cancelled within one month of course start a £50 cancellation fee will apply.

The practitioner course: three half day sessions, each a month apart fostering reflective practice.

Babies’ brain development; Babies’ Emotional Development; and Babies’ Playing and Laughing

Each session combines: Quizzes, DVDs, Group discussion, A baby’s journey, Making easy resources.

It is highly desirable that two people from each setting attend.

**Booking contact:** Charlotte Ireland, Administrator [NorthantsBabyRoom@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:NorthantsBabyRoom@northamptonshire.gov.uk)

Veronica Lawrence, Specialist Senior Educational Psychologist - Early Years [vlawrence@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk](mailto:vlawrence@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk)
Communication Channels

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**How to sign up to receive the EY Bulletin**

If you wish to receive the Early Years Bulletin please complete this [online form](#). The contact details you provide on this form will only be used to send you the Early Years Bulletin and updates.

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**Contacting NCC Teams**

The e-mail addresses below will take you directly to the teams identified, so if you have a specific request e.g. training or a Funding enquiry, if you use the e-mail identified, you will connect straight to that team.

**Early Years Improvement Team**
[earlyyearsimprovement@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk](mailto:earlyyearsimprovement@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk)

You can also e-mail this address if you need urgent advice from a Setting Improvement Contact within this team as staff will allocate your enquiry as soon as possible.

**Early Years Workforce Development Team (for enquiries about training and qualifications)**
[EarlyYearsWorkForce@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk](mailto:EarlyYearsWorkForce@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk)

For all questions about Free Childcare and Education for 2 Year olds and Free Entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds and 30 Hours...

…Please click on the direct links below for the following information and documents.

Claiming Funding for [Free childcare and education for 2 year olds](#) and [Free entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds](#) and [30 Hours Childcare](#)

If your questions cannot be answered from the website, please contact:
[earlyyears@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk](mailto:earlyyears@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk)

**The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)**
For advice, or for open cases where the child already has an allocated social worker contact: 0300 126 1000

**Designated Officer (DO) referral process**

All referrals regarding allegations should be sent to MASH in the first instance unless it is a consultation and then it can be sent directly to the DO inbox. LADOREferral@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Settings can telephone the DO to discuss an allegation before putting in a referral.

The DO will be available for telephone consultations from 9-10a.m., an Administrator will take messages at other times. Please refer to the tea break guide on the NSCB website.

Designated Officer Administrator - 01604 364031
Designated Officer Andy Smith - 01604 367862
Designated Officer Christine York - 01604 362633

If you have any issues opening a link in this bulletin, this EY Bulletin is also on the website.