

Early Years Entitlement Expansion and Wraparound Project Board Meeting

Thursday 25 April 2024

10am – 11am

Via Teams

Chair: Head of Early Years, Childcare and School Readiness Service

Agenda Items



Item	Description	Lead
1	Welcome Apologies and Introductions	Head of Early Years, Childcare and School Readiness Service
2	Setting the scene, governance and board membership	Head of Early Years, Childcare and School Readiness Service
3	Finance Update	Strategic Finance Manager
4	Highlight Report including: • Achievements and Planned Activity • Milestones • Risks and Issues	• Senior Adviser Intervention, Safeguarding and Sustainability • Senior Adviser Inclusion & Vulnerable Groups • Huntingdon Early Years Area Education Officer • Senior Adviser Quality Improvement
5	Minutes/Action from the last Meeting	Project Manager
6	AOB	Head of Early Years, Childcare and School Readiness Service



Setting the Scene

Head of Early Years, Childcare and School
Readiness Service



Role of Local Authority – EY&C

- To secure sufficient childcare for working parents.
- To secure early years provision free of charge, 570 hours of funded childcare per year for the most disadvantaged two-year-olds, 570 hours of funded childcare per year for parents of three- and four-year-olds (the universal entitlement), an additional 570 hours of funded childcare per year for working parents of three- and four-year-olds (the extended entitlement)
- To provide information, advice and assistance to parents and prospective parents.
- To publish certain sector information at prescribed intervals.
- To provide information, advice, and training to childcare providers.
- To improve the well-being of children under five and reduce inequalities.
- To work with Health and Job Centre plus to deliver early years outcomes.



National expansion of Early Years Funded Entitlement and Wraparound Childcare

- From April 2024, all working parents of 2-year-olds can access 15 hours per week,
- from September 2024, all working parents of children aged 9 months up to 3 years old can access 15 hours per week,
- from September 2025 all working parents of children aged 9 months up to 3 years old can access 30 hours free childcare per week, and
- 8-6 wraparound childcare for all primary aged children from September 2024.

Governance

