

Early Years Entitlement Expansion and Wraparound Project Board Meeting

Tuesday 24 September 2024

9.30am – 11am

Via Teams

Agenda Items



Item	Description	Lead
1	Welcome Apologies and Introductions	Head of Early Years, Childcare and School Readiness Service
2	Setting the Scene	Head of Early Years, Childcare and School Readiness Service
3	Finance Update	Strategic Finance Manager
4	Risks and Issues	Project Manager
5	Highlight Report including: - Achievements and Planned Activity - Milestones - Risks and Issues Wraparound Support and Development including update on supply and demand Early Years Support, Advice and Guidance including feedback from the sector about enquiries and waiting lists Early Years Places and Capital Grant Update including focus on areas where we may not have enough early years places. Funding Systems including impact on funded 2s	- Senior Adviser Intervention, Safeguarding and Sustainability - Senior Adviser Inclusion & Vulnerable Groups - Huntingdon Early Years Area Education Officer - Senior Adviser Quality Improvement
6	Review of Equality Impact Assessment	Senior Adviser Inclusion & Vulnerable Groups
7	Future Agenda Items	Head of Early Years, Childcare and School Readiness Service
8	Minutes of the last meeting	Project Manager
9	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

