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Dear All

Welcome to the Early Years Key Messages Newsletter for January 2018

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**1. Safeguarding**

a. Worried about a child?

Anyone can make a referral if you are worried about any child and think they may be a victim of neglect or abuse, whether as a member of the public or as a professional. For more information and the universal referral form please see the below link.

<http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/worried-about-child>

**2. Funding**

a. Community First Yorkshire – Funding Bulletin

Please see the below link for Community First Yorkshire's December funding bulletin.

<https://communityfirstyorkshire.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Funding-Bulletin-December-2017.pdf>

**3. Ofsted / DfE**

a. Ofsted Annual Report 2016/17

Ofsted have published its Annual Report for 2016/17. The report examines the quality of schools, early years, children's social care and further education and skills. It highlights that the numbers of early years providers judged as being Outstanding or Good has increased.

To view the full report please use the below link.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/666871/Ofsted\\_Annual\\_Report\\_2016-17\\_Accessible.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/666871/Ofsted_Annual_Report_2016-17_Accessible.pdf)

b. 30 Hours Autumn Term data published

The DfE has published the first 30 hours experimental statistics release. In the first term following national rollout of 30 hours free childcare, September to December 2017, an estimated 202,783 children were in a 30 hours place according to local authority data returns made during November. To view the full report please use the below link.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/30-hours-free-childcare-autumn-term-2017>

c. Extending 30 Hours Childcare to Foster Carers

Foster carers will be able to access 30 hours funded childcare for the children in their care, the Government has confirmed. To read the full article please see the below link.

<https://www.nurseryworld.co.uk/nursery-world/news/1163183/30-hour-childcare-to-be-extended-to-foster-carers-next-year>

d. Childcare and Early Years survey of parents: 2017

The DfE has published the findings of the Childcare and Early Years Survey of Parents 2017. To read the key points and the link to the published findings please use the link below.

<https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/2018/01/childcare-and-early-years-survey-of-parents-2017/>

e. 30 Hours re-wording on Childcare Choices Website

The DfE has amended the wording on the Childcare Choices website about the 30 hours Extended Entitlement. Please see the following link for the full article:

[https://www.nurseryworld.co.uk/nursery-world/news/1163007/dfe-amends-misleading-claims-on-30-hours-on-parent-website?utm\\_content=&utm\\_campaign=06.12.17%20NW%20Update&utm\\_source=Nursery%20World&utm\\_medium=adestra\\_email&utm\\_term=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.nurseryworld.co.uk%2Fnursery-world%2Fnews%2F1163007%2Fdfе-amends-misleading-claims-on-30-hours-on-parent-website](https://www.nurseryworld.co.uk/nursery-world/news/1163007/dfe-amends-misleading-claims-on-30-hours-on-parent-website?utm_content=&utm_campaign=06.12.17%20NW%20Update&utm_source=Nursery%20World&utm_medium=adestra_email&utm_term=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.nurseryworld.co.uk%2Fnursery-world%2Fnews%2F1163007%2Fdfе-amends-misleading-claims-on-30-hours-on-parent-website)

f. Tax-Free Childcare opens to under 9s

Tax-Free Childcare opens to parents whose youngest child is under 9. The scheme will open to all remaining eligible families on 14 February 2018. This means all eligible parents will be able to apply for Tax-Free Childcare before the end of this financial year. Since opening the childcare service, through which parents apply for 30 hours free childcare and Tax-Free Childcare, more than 325,000 customers have successfully applied and are now using the service. Of these, more than 170,000 have a Tax-Free Childcare account. They'd be very grateful for your support in communicating with local parents on this. There are resources to help you do so on the [Childcare Choices website](#) and in the [communications toolkit](#).

Parents, including the self-employed, can apply online for Tax-Free Childcare by visiting the Childcare Choices website. Parents can also access the government's childcare calculator through Childcare Choices, which helps parents to choose which government childcare support is best for them.

#### 4. **Training**

a. Speech and Language Support

Small Talk - see attachment 1

-Small Talk is a language course for parents/carers with children aged from 12 to 24 months of age or developmentally fitting into that age range.

-This course provides parents/carers with lots of practical ideas and strategies to help their child develop good communication skills.

- Parents/carers are signposted to services and organisations that give good advice and support.
- Parents/carers may be concerned that their child is not using as many words as other children they know.
- They may have had other children who found acquiring communication skills difficult and would like to know how they can help.
- Parents/carers might be interested in finding out how children acquire speech and language skills and would like to know about the developmental stages of speech and language.

#### Building Blocks for Language

- Building Blocks for Language is a course for parents with children from 24 months to 36 months of age or developmentally fitting into that age range.
- The course provides parents/carers with lots of practical ideas and strategies to help their child develop good communication skills.
- Parents/carers are signposted to services and organisations that give good advice and support.
- Parents/carers may be concerned that their child is not making the same progress in acquiring speech and language skills as other children at the same age.
- Parents/carers may have already had a child who had difficulty with speech and or language and want to get some advice and support.
- Parents/carers may want to make sure that their children are 'school ready' and that they have the skills and information to help.

#### b. The Early Years SEND Networks are taking place in January.

The dates and venues are –

22/01/2018 at Falsgrave Community Resource Centre, Scarborough; 1:00 til 3:30 pm

23/01/2018 at The Forum, Northallerton; 1:00 til 3:30 pm

25/01/2018 at The Regen Centre, Riccall, Selby; 1:00 til 3:30 pm

26/01/2018 at Cedar Court, Harrogate; 1:00 til 3:30 pm

31/01/2018 at Belle Vue Mills; 1:00 til 3:30 pm

The agenda includes -

- The new EHCP paperwork - what has changed?
- Totally Maths – a new Total Communication resource for teaching maths to young children; we will be exploring the C and looking at practical applications
- Interactive singing and storytelling – low costs ways to involve children
- Updates

#### c. NYMAZ Early Years Music Network Conference 2018 (27 Feb 2018)

Tuesday, February 27th 2018 from 10.00am -4.00pm

Scarborough Spa, south Bay Scarborough YO11 2HD

NYMAZ's biennial Early Years Music Network Conference returns in February 2018. Join us this year at Scarborough Spa on the gorgeous Yorkshire Coast!

This training conference is open to anybody with an interest in music and Early Years, including musicians, Early Years teachers/practitioners, students, playgroup leaders, childminders, and those interested in developing their knowledge in this exciting area of work. Whether you're already a member of the Network, or haven't even heard of it, you're very welcome to come along!

Book a place online: <http://nymazearlyyears2018.eventbrite.co.uk/>

Via e-mail to [millie@nymaz.org.uk](mailto:millie@nymaz.org.uk)

Or by telephone: **01904 543382**. Please join us!

#### d. Well-being and Involvement Conference [See attachment 2](#)

Please see attached details of a conference in North Lincolnshire with Prof. Dr. Ferre Laevers. It is open for anybody to book on. It's a very exciting opportunity to hear from the man himself and we are very fortunate that he is making the trip to our area.

## 5. Health

### a. Communication and Interaction newsletter

[Please see attachment 3](#)

### b. HENRY and Stop Smoking

The Health Visiting service will soon be offering the HENRY programme to families where there are concerns around Healthy Lifestyle eg; overweight child/parents, support to be active. The offer is optional and works in partnership with families focussing on their strengths. Please see the link below for more information

<https://www.henry.org.uk/homepage/about-henry/how-we-can-help/>

Please could everyone help to *gently* spread the message about the risks to mums and babies of smoking in pregnancy. There is a 40% increased risk of infant mortality this includes miscarriage, still birth and sudden infant death (SIDS).

Help is available for everyone wanting to stop. This is particularly important for women who are pregnant or planning a baby. The service is free and contact details are can be found in the link: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/stop-smoking>

## 6. Provider Portal

### a. Provider Portal Updates

Please don't forget to update your Provider Portal ready for Spring Term's headcount by **26th January**, the week after headcount. This should be a quicker process than last term as this will be an update, checking whether your information is correct, rather than completing it from scratch. <https://fisportal.northyorks.gov.uk>. **Please update your vacancies for spring as these will be different to the Autumn term.**

If providers have any questions, queries, or difficulties entering information in to the Portal, please contact FIS: 01609 533483 as our friendly FIS assistant will be happy to guide you through the process.

## 7. Other

### a. Young and Yorkshire newsletter – December 17

[Please see attachment 4.](#)

### b. Consultation on Special Provision Capital Funding

NYCC is consulting on plans for the use of Special Provision Capital Funding. This is now live and you are able to comment on the proposals until 18<sup>th</sup> February. Please follow the link: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/special-provision-capital-funding>

Once the consultation is closed, NYCC will review all responses and prepare a report for Councillors on the results. They will consider any changes which may need to be made and make a decision on 13th March 2018. The NYCC plan for using the funding will be published on the Local Offer (on the NYCC website) by 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

If you need a paper copy of the survey, please call NYCC customer service on 01609 780780