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Dear All

Welcome to the Early Years Key Messages Newsletter for May 2017

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1. Early Years Review – Update

Dear Providers

You will be aware of the government's changes to the funding of early years services. In response North Yorkshire County Council are looking to redesign our early years provision that is financed from the money retained by the Local Authority. We need to ensure we meet our statutory responsibilities and also have other services that it is felt are important to have provided. Some services may be best delivered as at present but we do intend to take the opportunity to consider different ways of delivery that may enhance what is offered.

As part of this redesign we wish to engage with you, as staff and providers for your thoughts. We have collected a lot of information which we're using to produce an accessible document that will give the background to what is delivered at present, give views on what needs to be provided and then asks for your views. Please accept our apologies but this stage has taken a lot longer than we envisaged. We now are planning to send out the engagement document in May.

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2. Safeguarding

a. Safeguarding Support

Please don't forget that there is a wealth of documents to support your safeguarding practice on the following website:

<http://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=16033> and to keep up to date with the latest safeguarding news on our LSCB website: www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk

b. Safeguarding Audits.

North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Board (NYSCB) would like to thank Childminders and Early Years Providers who have completed their Safeguarding Audit thus far. To ensure that you have all been able to undertake the audit the NYSCB and North Yorkshire Early Years' Service have agreed to extend the deadline for completion by Friday 30th June. By completing this audit you will be able to undertake a self-assessment of your safeguarding arrangements and assure yourself that you are meeting the requirements. A final report will be compiled and provide a 'State of the Early Years Provision in North Yorkshire' report which will include any required developments or learning to ensure services are providing the best possible care for our children. Thanks in advance for your cooperation James Parkes, Policy and Development Officer.

If you have any questions or need documentation forwarding on please contact James.parkes@northyorks.gov.uk or call 01609 533932.

3. Funding

a. 30 hours Eligibility Infographics

The DfE has published an infographic for providers highlighting the process of confirming eligibility and validating a 30 hours eligibility code.

<http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/2017/04/30-hours-eligibility-infographic/>

4. Ofsted / DfE

a. EY Myth Busters

Ofsted has produced this document to confirm the facts about early years inspections and to dispel those myths that can sometimes result in unnecessary workloads for registered childcare providers. It should be read alongside the early years inspection handbook.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-inspection-handbook-from-september-2015>

b. Early Years and Childcare Operational Guidance

The recently published DfE Operational Guidance sets out how local authorities (LAs) and early years providers should provide the entitlement for 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/30-hours-free-childcare-la-and-early-years-provider-guide?utm_source=Foundation+Years&utm_campaign=11afb4b0c2-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_04_21&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_e05004a334-11afb4b0c2-2965438411

5. Training

a. Foundation Years LED Events

Childcare Works has created a special programme of LED events for providers focusing on 30-hours. The events will be delivered in partnership with the Foundation Years Team at Action for Children. This round of LED events will include presentations by Early Implementers and/or Early Roll Out local authorities:

<http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/2017/04/childcare-works-led-events-may-2017/>

b. Working With Parents to Address Issues

This half day course is suitable for room leaders, SENCo, new practitioners, setting leaders and deputies. It is presented by the Prevention Service and provides guidance on managing difficult conversations with parents and making referrals for support.

Booking is on-line through Smart Solutions: www.smartsolutions.northyorks.gov.uk

Sessions:

The Street, Scarborough – Saturday 3.6.17 - 9.30-12.30

Rendezvous, Skipton – Wednesday 21.6.17 - 9.30-12.30

Henshaws, Harrogate – Monday 19.6.16 - 9.30-12.30

c. SEN and Disability in the Early Years Toolkit

4Children and the Council for Disabled Children (CDC) have produced a toolkit for SEN and Disability in the Early Years. Each section of the toolkit provides a briefing on a particular aspect of the SEN and disability reforms as they apply to early years providers. Each section is based on the statutory requirements and the guidance from the EYFS, the SEN Code of Practice and the disability frameworks, and draws on a range of relevant practice guidance and other materials to provide an accessible guide to SEN and disability in the early years.

<http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/2015/06/sen-and-disability-in-the-early-years-toolkit/>

6. Health

a. Risk Assessment of Premises

As part of managing the health and safety of your business you must control the risks in your workplace. To do this you need to think about the risks to people using and accessing your premises and decide whether you are taking reasonable steps to reduce that risk: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/risk/controlling-risks.htm>

There have been a few instances recently with children trapping their fingers in doors, please ensure that you have included this within your assessments:

http://businessdatabase.indicator.co.uk/business_advice_directory/articles/workplace/do_you_need_to_install_finger_guards_on_doors_/UKTAHSAR_EU110206/74/search

b. Smart Pension

The introduction of the workplace pension means that employers must provide employees with a pension scheme and automatically enrol qualifying employees into this scheme. To help people understand what's involved and the process, smart pensions have created a guide:

<https://www.autoenrolment.co.uk/knowledge-bank/in-depth-articles/workplace-pensions-guide>

7. Summer Term Early Years Leadership Forums and Childminder Forum

The agendas for the June Early Years Leadership Forums and the Childminder Forum include an interesting range of topics to inform and support your work:

- Sufficiency and 30 Hours extended entitlement

- Finance updates
- Early Home Learning Experiences
- Totally Maths resources
- Early Years Continuing Professional Development in 2017-18
- Themes from recent Ofsted inspections
- Overview of Health and Safety – Accident Prevention
- Preventable accidents in the home

Book on-line through Smart Solutions: www.smartsolutions.northyorks.gov.uk

Early Years Leaders Forum dates:

ES - 0617-T041 5.6.17 Cedar Court, Harrogate

ES - 0617-T043 8.6.17 Allerton Court, Northallerton

ES - 0617-T045 9.6.17 Rendez Vous, Skipton

ES - 0617-T042 12.6.17 Lakeside, Sandhutton, York

ES - 0617-T044 14.6.17 Downe Arms, Wykeham in a recent email the date given was the 14/07/2017, sorry this is incorrect it is the 14th of June 2017.

Childminder Forum date:

ES – 0617-T040 17.6.17 Cedar Court, Harrogate

8. Provider Portal – essential termly updates

Provider details must be updated every term even if there is no change in that period. This is so that parents can be confident that the information they receive from the Families Information Service about your setting is reliable and accurate. All providers need to log into the provider Portal to check and amend the details held using the provider updates form V2.

<https://fisportal.northyorks.gov.uk>

9. Young & Yorkshire, Children's Trust newsletter, April 2017

Please see the latest newsletter attached.