

# Early Years Key Messages

**April 2023**

**Wishing everyone a very Happy Easter.**

**Please share Key Messages with all staff in your provision. Previous Key Messages available at: <https://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/early-years-key-messages>**

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## **North Yorkshire Council (NYC) Contact Number**

North Yorkshire County Council will become a unitary council, North Yorkshire Council, from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. There is a new telephone number for the council which is 0300 131 2131. Calls to 01609 780780 will automatically divert to the new number for a period. To contact the Families Information Service, please continue to email on [fis.information@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:fis.information@northyorks.gov.uk) or contact the NYC on 0300 131 2131.

## **Spring Budget 2023**

Following the budget announcements on 17<sup>th</sup> March, the DfE is working through the details and has promised to engage closely with local authorities and the sector regarding the implementation. This is the biggest change in early years education and childcare for the sector and local authorities. The local authority is engaging with the DfE and other professional bodies regarding this. There are lots of unanswered questions and the "devil will be in the detail". As soon as there are updates, these will be shared. A link to the [budget statement](#), [regulatory changes consultation](#) response and [wider information](#) re. the proposals are available in the hyperlinks.

## **Government Consultation Response document on changes to ratios**

Please find the link to the government's consultation response to the changes in ratios. [Childcare Regulatory Changes: Consultation Response \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

## **Early Years Free NYSCP Safeguarding Masterclass**

The Summer Term Early Years NYSCP Safeguarding Masterclass is on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> May from 1900 – 2100 hours. This is **free** to attend and is available for **all** staff working in private day nurseries, preschools, childminders and childcare on domestic premises. The theme is “Keeping children safe and well”. Book via NYES and the course code is NYS-OM-0523-T010.

## **NYC Adult Learning Courses**

NYC Adult Learning offers a choice of courses with various start dates. Learners must be over 19 years old and funding available for each course is explained on the links to the course [ontrack: prospect - Course List \(northyorks.gov.uk\)](#)

## **North Yorkshire and York Domestic Abuse Training**

IDAS are now releasing the next quarter of their free online training sessions to professionals across North Yorkshire and City of York. April, May and June sessions are now available to book through the attached document. Please ensure you share this within your teams. Attachment 1.

## **Safer Sleep for Babies – NYSCP**

To further support compliance with EYFS Statutory Framework paragraph 3.60, further information, advice and guidance is available on the NYSCP website regarding safer sleep for babies. This includes new Safer Sleep Guides for parents and a new Safer Sleep form Day One – Professional Guide. The presentation on SUDI at October’s EY Safeguarding Masterclass can still be accessed via YouTube on the NYSCP website [NYSCP \(safeguardingchildren.co.uk\)](#).

## **Child Death Review: Advanced Training for Professionals**

This course is free to attend. The course explains the statutory purpose of the Child Death Overview Panel. This includes the different components of the Joint Agency Response into a child death and subsequent child death review. It is available to all multi-agency professionals across North Yorkshire and York who work directly or indirectly with children and families. This course will be held virtually on the below dates:

Thursday 4 May 2023 at 10:00 – 12:00

Thursday 27 July 2023 at 10:00 – 12:00

Book at <https://www.nyes.info/Search?search=Child+Death+Review+Advanced>

## **Healthy Early Years Award Training**

Please find attached a flyer with the next dates for the Healthy early years training being run on 20<sup>th</sup> June. Both afternoon and evening sessions are online. Attachment 2

## **Immunisation Resources**

Please find attached posters to promote with families the take up of childhood vaccines. These include QR codes that parents can scan for more information. They are in poster and postcard format and can be accessed here [Immunisations: resources for nurseries and schools - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) Public Health has asked if these could be sent to parents of all children starting early years provision and to those due to start Reception in September to help prompt parents to ensure their child’s vaccinations are up to date. Attachments 3 and 4.

## **Foundation Years Newsletters and Comms**

Foundation Years provide a wealth of resources and online events to the early years sector. Foundation Years is funded by the DfE and delivered by Coram Family and Childcare and Hemsall’s. You may already subscribe to their newsletter but if not, we want to raise awareness of this useful resource. Please find attached four slides with details about Foundation Years and how to sign up for their newsletter and comms on social media. Attachment 5.

## **Early Years Providers Claiming Government Funding**

**Funding Agreement** - changes of any signatories on the Funding Agreement will mean that funding **cannot** be paid as the Funding Agreement will be null and void. If there is a change in ownership, or committee

members who had signed the funding agreement, then please contact [eyft@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:eyft@northyorks.gov.uk) providing the name and contact details of the persons responsible.

**Changes to bank account** to avoid postponement of payments, please contact [eyft@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:eyft@northyorks.gov.uk). Please allow at least four weeks' notice as new bank account details must be verified by the Early years Funding Team.

**Invoices for government funded hours** must be clear for parents to see the number of funded hours they have received. Charges for food, drink and consumables must be shown so that parents can make informed choices, use link for guidance [Early years entitlements: operational guidance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

**Early Years Pupil Premium and Disability Access Funding** must be discussed with the parent of any eligible child.

**Parental Agreements**, the contents of the sample document provided by the local authority can be altered and must reflect your individual offer ensuring that you comply with the statutory guidance.

**A reminder that a range of guidance documents** regarding government funding, including 30 hours and termly headcount information, is always available here: [Early Education Places, Funding and Entitlement | CYPInfo \(northyorks.gov.uk\)](https://northyorks.gov.uk/cypsinfo)

### **Buzzy Bee's Library Honey Hunt**

Families with early years children are invited to join Buzzy Bee's Honey Hunt at their local library! They can collect colourful cards, stickers, rhymes to share and a certificate when they borrow books from the library. Families can sign up today - it's free for children aged 0-5. Ask a member of the library team for more details.

### **Ofsted SEND Briefing Session**

Please find below the link to the recorded session held by the Assistant Director for Inclusion on the new Ofsted/CQC Framework [Teams Session - Ofsted/CQC SEND inspections framework - YouTube](#)