

Early Years Key Messages

18th September 2024

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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For action: Sufficiency tab open for completion

The sufficiency tab in the FIS Provider Portal is now open for Autumn term 2024. The deadline for submitting your sufficiency data is Friday, 4th October 2024.

Please could all early years and childcare providers, including schools and wraparound providers, who are required to submit termly sufficiency information about occupancy and availability of childcare places. This is for early years (pre-reception) and children accessing wraparound places. The local authority has a statutory duty to ensure there are sufficient childcare places for eligible working parents and has up to date knowledge of the supply and demand of childcare places.

Not sure how to submit your data to us? Guidance is attached to this email explaining how to submit your sufficiency data. If you still need help we will be hosting a short support webinar on 30th September (see details below). Alternatively, the link from last term’s recorded session can be found here and includes a demonstration on how to enter and submit your data: https://youtu.be/xOABi1US_Mc Attachments 1 and 2.

Sufficiency Tab Completion Support Webinar - Monday 30th September 13:30pm

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 387 788 195 544

Passcode: 4tYZH2

For government funded early years providers, completion of the sufficiency information via the Sufficiency Tab on the FIS Provider Portal is linked to the government funding monthly payment. As a government funded provider, this is referenced in the Funding Agreement section 14.4. **Please ensure you complete your sufficiency data return before the deadline to ensure there are no delays in receiving your funding payments.** Follow up work will be carried out for all providers who do not submit their data.

Capital Grant Funding for Early Years Childcare Expansion

Applications for Early Years Childcare Expansion Capital Grants are **now open** for all Early Years providers, including childminders, preschools, day nurseries and schools who wish to expand their current childcare offer to qualifying working parents in line with the government’s expansion programme. You will have received an email on 16th July 2024 with relevant information on how to apply. **If you did not receive this email, contact us immediately on EYexpansion@northyorks.gov.uk.** The first deadline for Early Years

Capital Grant applications is Friday 20th September 2024. The second and final deadline for applications is Friday 15th November 2024.

If you would like support with an application prior to these dates or some more information you can book a 1:1 support session by emailing EYexpansion@northyorks.gov.uk .

Early Years Safeguarding Learning Session – 16th October 2024

The next free Early Years Safeguarding Learning session (previously known as the Early Years Safeguarding Masterclass) will be held on 16th October at 1900 hrs – 2100 hrs. **All** Early Years staff are welcome to attend.

Presenters will include:-

- LADO
- *Multi Agency Child Exploitation (MACE) – multi agency partnership to address the sexual and criminal exploitation of children.*

Available to book on NYES now. Course code [NYS-ON-1024-T005](https://nyes.info/Event/227975) <https://nyes.info/Event/227975>

SEND Online Conference- 12th November 2024

The EY SEND Partnership is hosting an online EY SEND conference on Tuesday, 12th November focusing on best practice in the Northeast of England. For more information and to register **sign up here**.

NYSCP YouTube – Working Together to Safeguarding Children

NYSCP has prepared a video which summarises Working Together To Safeguard children 2023. This is available via the NYSCP YouTube Channel <https://youtu.be/GmdDqUi9-gc>

The video can also be found on the NYSCP website along with a one minute guide and a partner briefing presentation at [NYSCP \(safeguardingchildren.co.uk\)](https://www.nyscp.org.uk/safeguardingchildren.co.uk) and other useful information and links to key documents.

Healthy Early Years Award

Please find attached information regarding the Healthy Early Years Award “Getting Started Training and Submission date” information for 2024-25. Attachment 4

Free Children’s Eye Tests

Short-sightedness in young children is increasing mainly due to children having more access to screentime from an earlier age. Young children can have free eye tests at the optician, even before they are able to talk. Please encourage all families to take their children for free eye tests. Posters are attached to share electronically and to display in your settings. Attachments 5 and 6

Emails and Keeping GDPR Compliant

Please can all providers ensure that when forwarding emails from your North Yorkshire Early Years email address that they only go to specific work emails where possible and not personal emails. This is essential to ensure that there is not a breach of GDPR especially when staff or committee members change or leave the provision. Please contact FIS on fis.information@northyorks.gov.uk if you require any advice regarding this.

DfE Early Years SEND Assessment Guidance and Resources

The Department for Education has released a new resource to support all early years providers. The SEND assessment guidance and resources, developed in partnership with Dingley’s Promise, are now available on the [Help for Early Years Providers](https://www.gov.uk/help-for-early-years-providers) platform. They have been created to support a child-centred, strength-based approach to assessing children’s needs. There is practical advice on assessment, alongside tools and downloadable resources to support early educators in assessing what children with SEND can do, capturing their voice, and setting targets for progress and learning. The guidance and resources follow the SEND Code of Practice and align with EYFS assessment policy.

Early Years Funding

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Autumn term headcount - Portal is open until 4th October 2024
✓ The Provider Portal is open for headcount submissions – please ensure you log in and submit your headcount actuals before the deadline of 4 th October 2024.

- ✓ Please submit your headcount as soon as possible - you can change the claim right up until the deadline, so you do not need to wait for all children's details to submit.

Revised Estimate – 6th September – 22nd September 2024

- ✓ The revised estimate form is now available for providers who need to amend their estimated hours. To request a link to the revised estimate form please email eyft@northyorks.gov.uk by noon Friday 20th September.

Stretched Funding

- ✓ All providers who chose to stretch the government funded hours offer are reminded they must make the Early Years Funding Team aware of their decision. Where there are queries regarding funded hours, the system can be configured to show us which provider offers the stretched entitlement. Full guidance on Stretching can be found here [Stretched Funding Guidance Sep 24.pdf \(northyorks.gov.uk\)](#)

Monthly payment calculator

- ✓ A helpful calculator has been developed to enable providers to accurately forecast monthly payments and can be found here:
Calculator: [Monthly payment calculator.xlsx \(live.com\)](#)
Guidance: [Monthly Payment Calculator Guidance.pdf \(northyorks.gov.uk\)](#)

Change of ownership/bank accounts/Ofsted Registration No.

- ✓ Providers must give as much notice as possible where there are changes in ownership, or bank accounts; failure to inform the local authority will impact on future payments.

Charging

- ✓ Your government funded offer must be clear to enable parents to make informed choices for childcare at your setting. Invoices must be easy for parents to understand and the government funded hours must show, this will ensure you comply with the statutory guidance, as stated in section A1.30 Charging in this document - [Early education and childcare \(applies from 1 April 2024\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Guidance

- ✓ What's new in guidance?
 - [Estimates guidance.pdf \(northyorks.gov.uk\)](#)
 - [Autumn 24 provider timetable.pdf \(northyorks.gov.uk\)](#)
- ✓ Do not forget! Full range of guidance on Early Years Funding can be found by using this link [Early Education Places, Funding and Entitlement | CYPsinfo \(northyorks.gov.uk\)](#) Please share this with the relevant staff in your provision. The link is always at the bottom of emails you receive from Early Years Funding Team.