

Two Year Funding Events

Three Virtual Events were held in September to share information about the new two year funding process for NYCC staff, Health teams, Schools and Early Years settings. Power point attached. Throughout the sessions, participants were able to ask questions see below.

Event One – 9th September 1.30 – 2.30pm

35 staff participants from NYCC and HDFT

<p>Are there any plans to move towards a golden ticket process for those children not on the DWP list in the future?</p>	<p>The Golden Ticket is for families on the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) list only and the NYCC letter with a voucher code is for all other children. There are no plans to change this at this time.</p>
<p>What will this new process mean for CFSWs who as part of their role usually chase up 2 year funding lists/those eligible but have not taken up a place?</p>	<p>This is a really key point and something that we are looking at. The process that we need to look at is how we identify those who do not take up the offer after they receive their Golden Ticket letter and also how we find out how often they attend. They focus will now be on making sure they attend rather than chasing up those who are eligible so there is still work to be done around this.</p>
<p>Does the parent keep the Golden Ticket or does this get passed to providers? If so, how will parents take up two providers?</p>	<p>Yes, the parent will keep the Golden Ticket so that they can use it at more than one provider if they need to do so. Checks are made through the headcount and through the parental agreement with providers.</p>
<p>What about low income families who are self-employed and earn less than £16,190 but are not on any benefits. Could they be eligible for some funding for child care if not eligible for 2-year funding.</p>	<p>Families can access tax free childcare via Childcare Choices: https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/how-to-use-tax-free-childcare/ This is for working families including the self-employed. For every £8.00 the family pays in the Government pays in £2.00. For working parents with children under 12 (or under 17 with disabled children) they can open an online account to pay for registered childcare.</p>
<p>I think one of the biggest issues for CFSWs was lots of the information that we received from DWP was incorrect. I can see the new process will stop this. Lists that come through to us will be those families have been offered the golden ticket and we would be just checking why they haven't applied. If they need further support.</p>	<p>We are still very reliant on the information received from DWP. We are confident that this new process will enable more families to take up the 2 year funding offer.</p>

How do I find out about Childcare Choices?	https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/how-to-use-tax-free-childcare/
How do I contact Early Years Funding Team?	eyft@northyorks.gov.uk

Session Two – 9th September 7.00pm – 8pm

6 Participants - Early Years Settings

Is it likely that anyone will come this term with a golden ticket?	Settings will need to check that it a NYCC Golden Ticket letter. The NYCC Golden Ticket letter will be sent out in November. The child still needs to have an eligible date of birth.
I have parent who states they have a golden ticket, so is it too late for them to do a check with Carol for this term?	This parents Golden Ticket letter will be from another local authority. They can contact FIS to complete a manual application.

Session Three – 11th September 10.00am – 11.00am

21 participants – Early Years Setting, Schools, FMS, Portage and English as an Additional Language Service.

When will it start	The Golden Ticket letter process will start from the November DWP list. system. The new golden ticket letters will start going out from November for January 2021 start.
How long does 2 year funding last?	Children are entitled to two year old funding up until after the term of their third birthday. So they may turn 3 on 1st January but their three year old funding won't start until after 1st April so that last term (Spring Term) will still be funded as a two year old.
Is the child's name on the ticket?	No, the Golden Ticket letter will have the recipient's name and address on as per the DWP list. The DWP list does not give us the name of the child, therefore it is important that you must see the child's date of birth.
Can parents apply earlier via the portal or will they have to wait till November to see if they receive a letter?	Parents who have received a letter following the September DWP list will be promoted to apply through the parent portal. From November parents will receive a Golden Ticket letter, however if they do not receive a Golden Ticket letter and think that they may be eligible they can still apply through the parent portal.

	The Golden Ticket letter will have a table in the body of the letter which explains when a child becomes eligible depending on their birth dates.
Can we accept children after the head count?	Yes, two year old children have always been able to take up a place after headcount. If you have a place available and if the child has not accessed a place before you can claim after headcount. If you have any funding queries it is important to contact the Early Years Funding Team eyft@northyorks.gov.uk
Can we accept passport or benefits letter if it has child's DOB on if birth cert not available?	Yes - you have to be confident that the child's date of birth is correct.
Can we accept applications from parents of children from out of County?	Yes, out of County children need to apply via the system as is now. Through FIS.
Will the Golden Ticket letters eventually be going out earlier once the initial November launch has been tried! For example January for April start?	Yes, this is a rolling programme. Once it is launched in November they will be rolled on from the January DWP list. It is therefore important that you check the child's date of birth so they start in the correct term.
Is it the parent that calls FIS if it is an out of County application, or can the setting call?	Preferably the family as we need NI numbers etc. but if families have a problem for whatever reason and the setting has permission to share their information the provider can make the call on their behalf.

At the end of the sessions participant were asked: -

Following today's session, how confident are you about the new 2-year funding process?

Very confident – 67%

Confident – 33%

Ok – 0%

Not sure – 0%

Not very confident – 0%