

# Children & Families Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Presentation: Early Years

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# Early Education and Childcare

- From pre-birth to five years
- Local authority's statutory duty under Childcare Act 2006 and 2016
- Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage – setting the standards for learning, development and care for children from birth to five.
- Reception Year in school is final year of the EYFS.



# Grow and Learn

- Work undertaken with Healthy Child Team (0 – 6) around two year old Integrated Reviews. Greater working partnership between NYC and HDFT.
- Automatic registration for a library card at birth by registrars
- Joined up working with NYC library service to promote the library offer to families including Storytime, Rhymetime, Stay and play, Under Fives Week (March 2023). Attended EYLF.

# Two year Government Funding

- All applications now processed within FIS.
- Due to changes in data provided by DfE parents are now sent text messages and emails by FIS in addition to a posted letter detailing how they can apply.
- Work with NESTA and Behavioural Insights Team 2022 – one of largest studies conducted in England to test ways to increase access to 2 Y O funding. Conclusion: recommended to continue with NYC's Grow and Learn based letter.
- Work continues to analyse take up and look for ways to further improve access and take up.

# Take up of two year old funding across North Yorkshire

Spring 2022	Summer 2022	Autumn 2022	Spring 2023
88%	87%	89%	85%

# Early Years Strategy/Transformation Work

“Society is what happens when babies grow up” (Parent-Infant Foundation)

Why was there a growing focus for the need for an early years strategy in its own right?

- Lack of an overarching strategy in early years – nationally and locally
- National drivers can lead to service fragmentation
- Joint strategic ownership is a requirement and a cost effective to achieving greatest impact
- Early years continues to hold ongoing national attention
- Early years is often seen as non-statutory
- Local authority legal requirements – The Childcare Act
- Support received from the Local Government Association to 12 local authorities to develop a strategy.



Since LGR, this work is continuing as part of the council’s transformation work



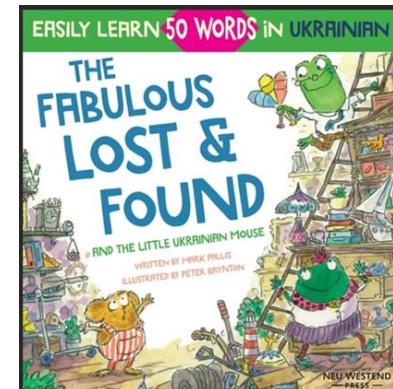
- Early Years Inclusion Project
- NYC was selected as part of second year cohort of ten local authorities, with 30 local authorities in total over five years.
- Fully funded by Comic Relief
- Aim: To increase the number of young children with SEND accessing early years and childcare provision
- Comprehensive programme of 10 online courses aimed at all early years practitioners
- Estimated cost per candidate to complete the cost – approx. £600

<https://dingley.org.uk/dingleys-promise-training/earlyyears-inclusion-prog>



# Support for families with early years children from Ukraine

- Held weekly briefings for schools and early years providers (May 2022 – July 2022)
- Provided support accessing early years provision and advice about government funding to families and providers
- Signposted resources
- Created documents with Russian and Ukrainian translations to support both families and early years providers [Support for Ukraine | North Yorkshire Council](#):
  - Early Years letter to parents
  - Child Information form for new early years setting



# NYSCP Safeguarding

- In response to feedback from the sector, dedicated Early Years Safeguarding Masterclasses have been created and held during Autumn Term 2022 and Summer Term 2023.
- Autumn Term 2023 further training is planned.
- Recordings of Masterclasses available on YouTube <https://youtu.be/0aOHbpeWSyw>
- Example: child abuse linked to witchcraft and faith beliefs
- Changes to the Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements are the largest section in the current DfE EYFS consultation

# Total number of providers in North Yorkshire from January 2022 – June 2023

	January 2022	August 2022	January 2023	June 2023
Childminders	298	272	267	263
Day Nurseries	143	147	149	152
Preschools/Playgroups	80	79	78	76
Schools	160	164	162	167
Total	681	660	656	658

# Ofsted judgements from January 2022 – May 2023

Provision Type	Outstanding	Good	Requires Improvement	Inadequate	Met	Total
Childminder Ofsted Registered	6	46	2	3	14	71
Day Nursery	7	45	7	5	0	64
Pre School Playgroup	5	14	1	0	0	20
Childcare on Domestic Premises	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>156</b>

# Number of providers currently with Inadequate or Requires Improvement as at 1/6/2023

	Inadequate	Requires Improvement
Childminders	2	2
Day Nurseries	1	7
Preschools/Playgroups	0	1

# Healthy Early Years

- 97 Early Years providers have registered with the Healthy Early Years Award – [Home - Healthy Schools North Yorkshire](#)
- Active Start Early Years Physical Activity Programme
- HDFT POPPY Programme for families
- Healthy Start Scheme for families
- Developing Guidance to Healthy Early Years Nutrition
- Developing Healthy Early Years Packed Lunch Box Guidance
- Oral health [Oral health - Help for early years providers - GOV.UK \(education.gov.uk\)](#)

# Changes from September 2023

Subject to parliamentary approval:-

- One member of staff will be allowed to look after five 2 year old children rather than four 2 year old children.
- More supervision for children whilst eating.
- DfE Consultation on the changes to the Statutory Framework  
**You can respond to the consultation via the [Citizen Space](#) platform. Deadline 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023**



# Spring Budget Announcement – Roll out of extended childcare offer

- From April 2024 : working parents of 2 year old children will be able to access 15 hours government funded childcare
- From September 2024 : 15 hours government funded childcare will be extended to all children from 9 months of age
- From September 2025 : working parents of children under age of 5 will be entitled to 30 hours government funded childcare
- By September 2026 : wraparound care for school age children from 8 am – 6pm at primary schools or in partnership with another provider.