



## Early Years & Childcare Provider Bulletin

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Dear provider,

This time of year, is quite magical in Early Years, but we are already seeing the seasonal coughs, colds and nasty bugs doing the rounds.

Some of you will remember the e-bug resources for [Early Years](#) that was promoted a couple of years ago, this is still a useful tool to support children's understanding of hygiene.

If you need further advice or posters to display do check out this link  
[Infectious diseases: education and childcare settings - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/infectious-diseases-education-and-childcare-settings)

Have a good weekend and put your feet up!

**Early Education and Child Development team**

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## **GSCP webinar**

GSCP would like to invite you to attend an important webinar hosted by Dave Jones, Partnerships Business Unit Manager, to discuss the Escalation of Professional Disagreement Protocol.

This session will provide clarity on the process and expectations when managing professional disagreements, ensuring effective collaboration and safeguarding outcomes.

This will be a valuable opportunity for Designated Safeguarding Leads to strengthen understanding and confidence in applying the protocol.

The session will take place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 10.30am via Microsoft Teams.

You can log on using the details below:

### **Microsoft Teams**

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 357 406 916 872 70

Passcode: G8Zf7dY7

This session will be recorded and once available the recording will be made available on the Safeguarding in Education subscriber page on GCC Plus under the webinar section.

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## **Community Social Workers Bitesize training**

[This Bitesize video guidance](#) has been developed by the Community Social Work Team as an accessible, quick, and easily digestible version of their wider training and guidance offer.

The videos cover guidance on keeping children safe and how practitioners can respond in relation to Child Exploitation, Risk and Harm, Brave Conversations, Reflection a pathway to self-care, and Child on Child Abuse.

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## **Children's Services in England are Changing!**

The GSCP in collaboration with GCC Children's Services are delivering a **Lunchtime Learn** to make you aware of the changes to children's services across England.

**This webinar will provide an opportunity to:**

- **Understand the national vision** for reform, including the shift towards earlier intervention and stronger multi-agency collaboration.

Including the introduction of:

- **Multi-Agency Child Protection Teams (MACPTs)** – expert-led teams designed to ensure more proportionate and effective child protection practice
- **Family Help** – a seamless, multi-disciplinary service combining targeted early help and child in need support
- **Family Group Decision Making (FGDM)** – empowering families and their wider networks to play a central role in planning and decision-making
- **The new roles** of Lead Child Protection Practitioner and Family help Lead Practitioner

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025, 12:30pm - 1:30pm (Teams)**

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 326 778 261 602 19

Passcode: yp2em3V5

## Dial in by phone

+44 20 7660 8324,,377228860# United Kingdom, City of London

## Find a local number

Phone conference ID: 377 228 860#

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## Lost Property

We have collected a few items of lost property over the last couple of weeks! If anyone left their flask behind at the Early Years Conference on the 7th, or felt a little chilly on the way home from the Leaders and Managers Network meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>, please email [EarlyYearsQuality@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:EarlyYearsQuality@gloucestershire.gov.uk) to organise collection of your item.



## CPD Spotlight

Our stronger practice hub, Bristol and Beyond, is excited to announce two outstanding professional development opportunities for early years practitioners, starting in the new year.

The [\*\*Mathematics PDP Pilot\*\*](#) offers comprehensive training across six key mathematical concepts with guided support and free resources, while the [\*\*Maths Champions Programme\*\*](#) provides evidence-based training

that has been proven to boost children's attainment by an average of 3 additional months.

Both programmes are recruiting now, with limited places available.

If you're looking to enhance your maths practice and improve outcomes for children, don't miss this opportunity. Expression of Interest Forms are due by 12th December.

The SPH is currently recruiting 40 early years settings to take part in our fully-funded **Emotion Coaching** programme (usually £380 per person).

This evidence-based training helps children understand and manage their emotions, building resilience and stronger relationships.

The programme includes two full-day workshops covering the neuroscience of self-regulation and the Emotion Coaching framework, plus two follow-on reflective sessions.

Choose from face-to-face training in Bristol (starting 15th January) or online (starting 19th February).

Emotion Coaching works for all children, including those with additional needs. Expression of Interest Forms are due by 12th December.

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## Training

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### **Training & Meetings - Book now!**

**Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy training (SIOT) – Play to Ignite Development** - 04/12/2025 - 4:00 - 6:00pm - Oakwood Primary School, Cotswold Road, Cheltenham, GL52 5HD - [\*\*Book here\*\*](#)

**Childminder Play Session** - 09/12/25, 9:30 - 11:30am - The Link Children's Centre, Matson Avenue, Matson, Gloucester, Gloucestershire GL4 6DB. [\*\*Book here\*\*](#)

**Childminder Network Meeting** - 11/12/2025 - 7:00 - 8:00pm - Online via TEAMS - [\*\*Book here\*\*](#)

**Childminder Play Session** - 16/12/2025 - 9:30 - 12:00pm - The Beacon Children's Centre, Valley Gardens, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 2AR - [Book here](#)

**Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy training (SIOT) – Play to Ignite Development** - 15/01/2026 - 4:00 -6:00pm - Kingsway Primary School, Valley Gardens, Gloucester, GL2 2AR [Book here](#)

**Childminder Network Meeting** - 19/01/2026 - 7:00 - 8:00pm - Online via TEAMS [Book here](#)

**Childminder Play Session** - 20/01/2026 - 9:30am - 12:00noon - The Beacon Children's Centre, Valley Gardens, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 2AR [Book here](#)

**Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy training (SIOT Level 1) –** 22/01/2026 - 4:00 - 6:00pm - Longford Park Primary Academy, Clock Tower Road, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 9FP [Book here](#)

**SENCO in the Early Years** - 22/01/2026 & 29/01/2025 (2 day course) - 9:15am - 3:00pm - Shire Hall, Westgate St, Gloucester, GL1 2TG [Book here](#)

**Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy training (SIOT Level 1) –** 29/01/2026 - 4:00 - 6:00pm | Scheduled | WIN26SIOTL1-04 | Early Years | Severnbanks Primary School (Naas Lane, Lydney, Gloucestershire, GL15 5A [Book here](#)

**Total Communication Training in the Early Years** - This training is provided in house at your setting.

You can now book Total Communication in the Early Years through GCC+. To do this you will need to log into your setting's GCC+ account. Go to the **search bar** on the **home page**, and type in Total Communications and **press the search key**.

You will then see the link for the Total Communications for you to book.

**(Please note – if you search in the ‘training section’ or the ‘services’ section, you won’t find it. It must be searched for in the home page search and the search key pressed). NB - If you just press enter, it won’t find it.**

Once you have booked and checked out your training, you will be contacted by an EY Inclusion Advisor to arrange the date and time for the

delivery of your course. If you have not heard from us within 2 weeks, please contact the EY Admin Team: [eyservice@goucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:eyservice@goucestershire.gov.uk).

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**Please note:** Most training and all events (excluding some meetings) are subject to a charge. Please check the price when you make your booking. If you are in any doubt, please email [eyservice@goucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:eyservice@goucestershire.gov.uk)

*Please refer to the cancellation policy for your event, as charges may apply.*

## CANCELLATION POLICY

- 2 weeks before the training course is due to take place – 100% refund
- Less than 2 weeks before the training course is due to take place – 0% refund
- If GCC cancels a training course, we will issue a refund automatically. If you paid by credit card, the refund will be paid back to the same card. If you paid by invoice, you will receive a credit note.
- If you need to cancel your place on a training course within two weeks of the course and there are special circumstances, please contact [eyservice@goucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:eyservice@goucestershire.gov.uk) and we will consider your request on a case-by-case basis.



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