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Gloucestershire  
COUNTY COUNCIL

## Early Years Provider update

### Provider Update 84 - 5 September 2025



Dear provider,

We hope you have all managed to have had a few days off over the summer, whether this be a holiday to somewhere exotic or reading a good book in the garden.

We have continued to visit providers throughout the last six weeks and seen how the changes to the EYFS statutory requirements have been implemented.

My favourite moment of the summer was attending our very first Baby Room Network Meeting, what an absolute joy it was to meet enthusiastic and passionate baby room practitioners, we have another one planned soon so watch this space!





Best wishes,

Early Education and Child Development team

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## Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework

The much anticipated updated publications of the [EYFS Statutory Framework](#) were published at the end of the Summer term, which came into effect this week on 1 September 2025.

There are significant changes to the safeguarding and welfare requirements, so it is essential that you are aware of these.

The NSPCC have produced a helpful [summary of the updated requirements](#).

The DfE have also produced an [early years employment reference template](#) to assist providers with safer recruitment.

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## Early Years Conference 2025 – Bookings open on Monday- Don't miss out!

We are delighted to once again be hosting our annual Early Years Conference for Gloucestershire providers. This year's event will take place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November at The Cheltenham Chase Hotel in Brockworth.

Bookings open on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September and places can be booked through GCC+. The cost will be £55 per delegate.

**The service has taken your feedback from last year.**

- The number of places has been increased to 150 to allow more to attend. This does mean the main room will be set up in theatre style. If you do miss out on a place, please add your name to the waiting list as a place may become available closer to the event.
- More stands have been invited to share useful information to support you in your role.
- There will be a buffet lunch of various sandwiches and hot chips, with desserts to follow. Coffee will also be available at lunch time. As previously offered, refreshments will also be available throughout the day.

**Please note:**

- There is no limit to how many practitioners you bring from your setting but please ensure they are able to stay for the whole event.
- If you bring more than 2 practitioners, please consider booking onto different workshops to give everyone the opportunity to attend their first choice.

A [copy of the agenda for the day can be found here](#). We are looking forward to seeing many of you there.

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## **Designated Safeguarding Lead – Support Hubs**

if you missed the last DSL Support Hub please find [the minutes](#), this also includes so helpful resources that you could share in staff meetings.

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## **Opportunities to visit the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)**

Visiting the MASH team provides a unique opportunity to understand what happens behind the scenes, the team welcome visits from anyone working in our sector whether. Further information booking a visit, dates

and times can be found here [Book a MASH Visit](#)

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## Operation Encompass

Please find some [useful information and Frequently Asked Questions](#) relating to Operation Encompass.

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## National Professional Qualifications 2025

The DfE have published details of the [eligibility criteria and funding for the 2025 national professional qualifications \(NPQs\) cohort](#), including the NPQ in Early Years Leadership (NPQ EYL).

A list of eligible schools has been published, and the list of eligible early years settings will be available in September 2025. The NPQ Registration Service, which enables applicants to register for an NPQ and check their eligibility for funding will open on 8 September 2025.

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## Free toilet training resources

These [free downloadable posters and handouts](#) from the Foundation Years website aim to help parents with toilet training and help educators prepare children for using the toilet.

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## Training and Networking opportunities

The Bristol & Beyond Stronger Practice Hub is launching its new ['2025-2026 Continuing Professional Development for the Early Years Brochure'](#). This CPD is available to all early years educators and reception educators and childminders in their South West region.

You can view and download a copy [here](#). Why not print it and put it in your staff room!

All the activities, including events, webinars, open days and CPD programmes are on the [website here](#)

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## Training & Meetings

The following training & meetings are now available to book:

**Childminder Network Meeting (Teams)**- 15/09/2025 7:00 - 8:00pm - Online via TEAMS - Links will be sent the day before the meeting. An opportunity for **Childminders** to **network** and share experiences. At this session we will discuss climate action plan. [Book here](#)

**Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy Training (SIOT) - Play to Ignite Development** - 18/09/2025 4:00 - 6:00pm - Longford Park Primary Academy, Clock Tower Road, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 9FP [Book here](#)

**Ofsted updates and changes to the EYFS - 2025** (via TEAMS) - 23/09/2025 10:00 - 11:30am | Online via TEAMS. [Book here](#)

**Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy training (SIOT Level 1)** - 25/09/2025 4:00 - 6:00pm - Alderman Knight School, 46 Ashchurch Road, Tewkesbury, England, GL20 8JJ. [Book here](#)

**Childminder Play Session** - 25/09/2025 - 9:30 - 11:30am - The Beacon Children's Centre (Valley Gardens, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 2AR. [Book here](#)

**Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy training (SIOT Level 1)** - 02/10/2025 4:00 - 6:00pm - Oakwood Primary School, Cotswold Road, Cheltenham, GL52 5HD. [Book here](#)

**SENDCO in the Early Years** - (2 days) **Day 1** - 02/10/2025 9:15 - 3:00pm - **Day 2** 09/10/2025 - 9:15 - 3:00pm - Shire Hall, Westgate St, Gloucester, GL1 2TG. [Book here](#)

**Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy training (SIOT Level 1)** - 09/10/2025 4:00 - 6:00pm - Kingsway Primary School (Valley Gardens, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 2AR. [Book here](#)

**Welcome to the Early Years** - 10/10/2025 - 9:30am - 12:30pm - Shire Hall, Westgate St, Gloucester, GL1 2TG. [Book here](#)

**Childminder Network Meeting** - 14/10/2025 - 7:00 - 8:00pm - Online via TEAMS - [Book here](#)

**Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy training (SIOT Level 1)** - 16/10/2025 - 4:00 - 6:00pm - Great Oldbury Primary Academy, Great Oldbury Primary Academy Veterans Way, Stonehouse, England, GL10 3WH - [Book here](#)

**Creating Your Early Years Curriculum** - 17/10/2025 - 10:00am - 12:00pm - Shire Hall, Westgate St, Gloucester, GL1 2TG [Book here](#)

**Getting it Right for Boys** - 21/10/2025 - 1:00 - 3:00pm - Churchdown Community Centre, Parton Road, Churchdown, Gloucestershire GL3 2JH. [Book here](#)

**Getting It Right for Boys** - 21/10/2025 - 4:00 - 6:00pm - Churchdown Community Centre, Parton Road, Churchdown, Gloucestershire GL3 2JH. [Book here](#)

**Baby Room Network meeting** - 27/10/2025 - 6:15 - 7:45pm - All My Friends Childcare (Barnwood), 87 Barnwood Nursery, Barnwood Road, Gloucester GL2 0SF [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).

**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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