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Early Years Business News Tuesday



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Welcome

Just a short bulletin today.

Please find below information about the charging policies webinar and the next grant application window.

If you have any questions please email [EY Business Support](#) the or [Wraparound Team](#).

EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE STATUTORY GUIDANCE – effective from 1 April 2025

Following the publication of the new LA EY entitlements statutory guidance, which includes revised guidance in relation to provider charging policies, we have received a number of phone and email queries from childminders and group providers, seeking clarification about its implementation. We acknowledge the challenges you are facing in respect of the revised guidance, but given the number of queries, it is proving difficult to respond to them all individually, however there are some emerging themes that reflect concerns across the sector.

Due to demand we have opened new places on the two webinars, taking place on 20th March 7-8pm for childminders (this is the pre-planned CM monthly networking event) [book here](#) and 24th March 12.30-1.30pm for all providers [book here](#).

[Please note](#) - if you added yourself onto the waiting list, we have now added you to the event and you should have received a notification from the GCC+ system.

We will use this time to provide responses to the most common queries and talk through some examples of how you might revise your operating models and set out your charging policies to ensure compliance with the statutory guidance. Following the webinars we will circulate FAQs to further assist with your planning.

Please see the latest document [Early education and childcare \(effective from 1 April 2025\) - GOV.UK](#)

Next funding application window opens next week on 26 March 2025

If you are looking to apply for capital funding for early years or capital and revenue funding for wraparound provision make sure you have noted the above date.

The application window will be open from 26 March 2025 to 30 April 2025.

Please use the links below to make your applications when the window opens.

[Early years capital grant application form](#) | [Early Years Service](#)

[Application form](#) | [Gloucestershire County Council](#) (Wraparound)

If you need help with applying for grant funding please contact the EY and wraparound teams using the emails below, and one of the team will get back to you to discuss your needs.

EYExpansionCapitalFundingApplications@gloucestershire.gov.uk or wraparound2@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Additional information that you may find useful

For information about the National Childcare Wraparound Programme please use the following link to access the GCC webpage <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/wraparound-childcare/>

Useful links

We have been talking with PATA recently and they have provided us with information about services and support they can offer. Their website can be accessed via the following link – [PATA\(UK\) - Join Us](#)

General resources – Accident book and register: [PATA\(UK\) - General Resources](#)

This page also has a link to the Annual Salary Calculator sheet which they can purchase. This might be helpful for TTO only providers. ([PATA\(UK\) - Online store product](#)) Members can purchase time with the Payroll team to sit alongside this to help them out. Payroll clients get the calculator free of charge.

PATA are experts on part time/TTO contracts which might be useful

for wraparound providers who may have complex payroll situations!

Mandatory Policies: [PATA \(UK\) - Mandatory Policies](#) The bundle with all of them is £150 for non members and £75 for members. They can be purchased individually as well, prices are based on length/complexity.

Non-Mandatory Policies: [PATA \(UK\) - Non-Mandatory Policies](#) £130 for members, £260 for non members. This is 22 policies. Also available separately.

Document bundles: [PATA \(UK\) - Document Bundles](#) Currently we have Recruitment (£30/£60) and then 3 Management bundles each (£10/£20).

Childcareworks 'Wraparound toolkit' -[Wraparound Childcare Toolkit | from Childcare Works](#)

As always if you would like personalised support either by phone call or visit, please use this email: wraparound2@gloucestershire.gov.uk



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