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Early Years Business News Tuesday



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Welcome

Congratulations to all successful applicants from our February Grant panels.

The approval for all awarded grants has now been received and we are starting to make payments to providers.

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

CORRECTION - Charging Guidance 25/26 for Early Years Providers

Thank you to those who joined us for our information session regarding guidance for charging. Unfortunately, the incorrect link was added to last Friday's Provider Bulletin. The corrected details are below.

Please find the corrected link to the recorded session here: [Charging Guidance 25/26 in Early Years Settings 24 March](#).

Please find below additional documents that were provided during the session, together with a Frequently Asked Questions document.

- [Chargeable extras template](#)
- [Chargeable extras template example](#)
- [Statutory Guidance - Further Information](#)
- [FAQs](#)

If you have any further questions, please email the [Funding Team](#).

Local Provider Agreement 2025/26

The Provider Agreement for 2025/26 was shared with providers on 27 March.

- [Local Provider Agreement](#) for Early Years providers claiming the funded entitlements in the financial year 2025/26.

Please review this revised guidance and if you are planning to claim the funded entitlements for any children in your care during 2025/26, please sign and return the declaration form *only* by **WEDNESDAY 30th APRIL 2025**.

Employment Allowances

- HM Treasury have announced an increase to the rate of Employer

National Insurance contributions by 1.2 percentage points, to 15%, and a reduction in the Secondary Threshold from £9,100 to £5,000 per year.

- They are also increasing the Employment Allowance to £10,500 and expanding this to all eligible employers.
- Employment Allowance is being increased to protect businesses by providing relief of up to £10,500 per annum on their employer Class 1 NICs liabilities from 6 April 2025.
- Early Years childcare providers are entitled to claim the Employment Allowance if they are private businesses or charities, and we expect the vast majority will be eligible to do so.
- Receiving over 50% of your income from government-funded childcare places won't stop you from being eligible to claim but you should check your individual circumstances against the HMRC guidance.

Full details can be found at [Employment Allowance: What you'll get - GOV.UK](#)

EY and Wraparound Grants – Applications now open

Applications round 3: is now open 26 March to 30 April 2025
Grant panel 21 and 22 May 2025

Things to remember

- For EY please show how you are creating/expanding places for children aged 2Y or under
- show how the wraparound care links to schools
- show that the wraparound care is covering 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, term time for school age children – Reception to Year 6.
- make sure you have registered with Ofsted and HMRC.
- show how you are providing care that is inclusive and meets the needs of SEND children

- include THREE quotes for items or building work over £1000
- include relevant planning permissions or approvals where needed
- complete cash flow forecasts to show how the business will be sustainable

You can access the online application on the GCC web page for wraparound: [Wraparound care childcare](#)

Current [NWCP Application Business Plan](#) and [cash flow](#).

And for Early Years please use the following link: [Expanded entitlement](#)

For joint applications (EY and Wraparound) please use this version of the [Business Plan](#).

If you need any help please email the [Wraparound Team](#) or the [EYExpansionCapitalFundingApplication mailbox](#).

Active Impact Inclusion Needs You training

For any wraparound provider who has received funding from us please use the link below to book your place on the upcoming SEND training courses: [Inclusion Needs You Training - Active Impact](#)

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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