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Good morning!

Welcome to this week's Business Newsletter. Please do not forget we have our business network meeting this evening **15th October 7pm- 8pm** and we are pleased to welcome Sue Bodenham to talk about nursery funding. Bookings have closed, but you can still join the meeting using the information below. If you do use this link, can you please alert the meeting Leads so that we can add you to the register retrospectively.

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 374 937 994 823

Passcode: kFshrJ

If you have any questions, please email the [Business Support Officer](#).

Business Support and Funding Team News

Childcare Sufficiency Report 2023-2024

The report is now ready and has been uploaded to the [Early Years website](#). Please download a copy [here](#).

This is a comprehensive document that outlines useful information regarding the current situation on childcare places across the County.

Early Years Entitlements - Update

The amendment headcount is due to open on **4 November** and closes on **29 November**, the payment date is **13 December**. Any amendments settings have during the autumn term must be added to this headcount.

Update - there were approximately 9,500 data conflicts in the recent actual headcount in the autumn term, which is more than double from the previous term. The team work very hard to resolve these conflicts to avoid any potential delay in payments being made to settings. Please ensure when inputting data onto the funding portal it is correct - thank you.

Childcare Places - Sufficiency

The early years' service has a statutory duty to ensure parents can access a childcare place for their child. As part of our requirement to carry out supply and demand mapping for childcare places across all localities it would be helpful if you could notify the business support team if you are receiving calls from parents requesting childcare places that you are unable to accommodate.

It would be useful for us to have details of the age range of the child and the days and hours requested. Please can you share this information via the [EY Business Support](#) mailbox. This will help us to identify areas of sufficiency need and will enable us to focus on support for expansion in areas where there is insufficient childcare provision.

When speaking with parents please direct them to the Glos Families directory to find alternative childcare provision in the area. [Glosfamilies Directory](#)

Childcare Works - HUB for Providers

The HUB hosts good practice guidance, case studies, upcoming events and more to support providers deliver the early years entitlements expansion and wraparound childcare programme. The site is free to all settings, no passwords are required. Updates are being added continually so please keep checking what's new.

[Childcare Works - childcareworks.org.uk](https://childcareworks.org.uk)

Referrals for Business Support

Reminder - this is a fully funded support service offered by experienced colleagues within the Business Support Team. Settings are advised to complete and return a [business referral form](#) at the earliest opportunity to enable the team to maximise the benefits received by the setting.

Business Team Network Meetings

Please find below the details of the upcoming Business Team Network Meetings, including the focus for each meeting. If you have any queries or suggestions for other meeting topics, please email the [team](#).

We look forward to welcoming more of you to these meetings over the coming months. Please let us know of any specific areas you would like to discuss, send any suggestions to the [EY business inbox](#).

Please look out for the focus for the next meeting, our September meeting will focus on the EY capital grant funding process.

The dates and booking links are as follows:

15 October 2024 - 7pm to 8pm - book [here](#). **The focus will be: Nursery Funding Focus-opportunity to speak with Sue Bodenham regarding any queries.**

26 November 2024 - 7pm to 8pm - book [here](#). **The focus will be: Business Planning for SEND.**

10 December 2024 - 7pm to 8pm - book [here](#).

As these are online meetings and bookings will close the day before. We will send out the links on the morning of each event.

Training courses from the Business Support and Funding Teams

We have developed a range of refreshed courses for the new year as follows:

In person training

Provider Portal - Claiming the funded entitlements and using the Self Update Portal - 25 October 2024 - 10am to 12noon - Shire Hall - Book [here](#).

Developing Your Early Years Business in a Climate of Change - 11 November 2024 - 2pm to 4pm - Book [here](#).

Developing and Upskilling Your Team to Promote Staff Engagement and Retention - 18 November 2024 - 2pm to 4pm - Shire Hall - Book [here](#).

TITLE CHANGE: Business Development for Aspiring Leaders (previously Personal Development for Aspiring Early Years Leaders) - 3 December 2024 - 10.00am to 12noon - Shire Hall - Book [here](#).

Please note - most training is subject to a charge. Please check the price when you make your booking. If you are in any doubt, please email [EY Administrators](#).

The standard GCC Cancellation Policy will apply:

- 100% refund 10 days or more before the course starts.
- 50% refund between 9 and 5 days before the course starts.
- 0% refund between 4 and 2 days before the course starts.
- 0% refund between 1 day or fewer before the course starts.

Online training

Committee Roles and Responsibilities and their Role in Supporting Provision - 12 November 2024 - 4pm to 6pm - Online - Book [here](#).

Developing and Upskilling Your Team to Promote Staff Engagement and Retention - 22 November 2024 - 2pm to 4pm - Online - Book [here](#).

Developing Your Early Years Business in a Climate of Change - 26 November 2024 - 4pm to 6pm - Book [here](#).

TITLE CHANGE: Business Development for Aspiring Leaders (previously Personal Development for Aspiring Early Years Leaders) - 5 December 2024 - 3pm to 5pm - Book [here](#).

Where the course is online delegates will receive the links to the training on the morning of the event.

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Useful Contacts

Gloucestershire Early Years: [Early Years and Childcare | Early Years Service \(gloucestershire.gov.uk\)](#)

Childcare Works: Useful tools for settings regarding business: [HUB for Providers - childcareworks.org.uk](#)

Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted): Ofsted inspects and regulates services that care for children and young people [Ofsted - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

PATA: PATA now has support tools available to purchase for non-members as well as members, including sample policies tailored specifically for Gloucestershire. [PATA \(UK\) - Home \(pataglos.org.uk\)](#) These and other resources are available at [\(PATA \(UK\) - Shop \(pataglos.org.uk\)\)](#) We'll be adding more policies and other bundles of documents over the next few months.

Out of School Alliance: Provides information and support to individuals and organisations setting up and running out of school clubs, including breakfast cubs, after school clubs, holiday clubs and playschemes. [Out of School Alliance | The web site of Out of School Alliance](#)

The Early Years Alliance: This charity is the largest early year's membership organisation that offers information and advice to the early years sector [Early Years Alliance | \(eyalliance.org.uk\)](#)

National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA): A charity and membership association for the nursery sector and people working in early years [National Day Nurseries Association - NDNA](#)

Professional Association for Childcare Professionals (PACEY): A charity providing membership support that represents childminders and childcare professionals [Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years | PACEY](#)

Childcare Choices: A website that provides information to parents and the early years and childcare sector on support available to pay for childcare [Homepage | Childcare Choices](#)

GOV.UK: A sector information website where parents and the early years sector can find details of government services [Welcome to GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC): Provides information, advice and targeted financial support to families and individuals [HM Revenue & Customs - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Charity Commission: The commission registers and regulates charities in England and Wales [The Charity Commission - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Companies House: Companies house incorporates companies and makes company information available to the public [Companies House - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (ACAS): Provides free and impartial information to employers and employees on all aspects of work-based relationships and employment law [Acas | Making working life better for everyone in Britain](#)



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