

6 June 2025



Gloucestershire  
COUNTY COUNCIL

Early Years  
Provider update

## Provider Update 77 - 6 June 2025



Dear provider,

We hope everyone is well, and for those of you who took a half term break, we hope you have enjoyed your first week back.

National bike week is from 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> June. I hope you will encourage your children to get out on their bikes, promoting this activity as fun, healthy and environmentally friendly. This is a great opportunity to discuss safety with children, and how cycling is an exciting way to travel.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

**Early Years and Childcare Service**

## New members join the team

There has been some new members join the team;

- Katherine Barber has joined the Quality team as a Quality Lead. Katherine is now in her 4<sup>th</sup> week, and has been out and about visiting.
- Charlotte Smith's post as Quality Lead has now been made permanent following interview.
- Both Charlotte Greenaway and Nicola Cooper's position have been made permanent following interview.
- Tracie Clements will join the Inclusion team as an Inclusion Adviser.
- Tom Cherry has taken up a post as Business Support Officer with the business team.

With new people coming in we are sad to say goodbye to those who are moving on;

- After many years in the service Sarah Spencer, Business Manager will be retiring at the end of June.
- Deborah Robinson, Childcare Officer will also be retiring at the end of August
- Bev Green, an Inclusion Adviser retired last week.

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## Leader and Managers meeting - 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025

Thank you to everyone that joined the last leader and manager meeting on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May. it was a very full on agenda. We hope you find the information useful.

Dave Jones, partnerships business manager from the Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership joined us, and gave an informative

presentation explaining everything you need to know about the latest safeguarding declaration. The team have received some very positive feedback. Dave has agreed to record a webinar with guidance on the safeguarding declaration in the near future. This is be placed on our website – watch this space. You can view a copy of Dave's [Safeguarding Assurance presentation](#) here.

Michelle Malomo, a senior lecturer joined us to talk about [qualifications at levels 4, 5 and 6](#) that can be gained at University of Worcester.

Sam Jackson, Inclusion Adviser came and shared information about the next [SENCo level 3](#) she is running from September.

The team gave some [updates](#), including some data recently shared by Ofsted at a regional meeting.

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## Ofsted big conversation

You will be aware that Ofsted have been running some webinars to talk about the up and coming changes to the Ofsted inspection process.

These webinars can be found on their website. You will see that you can read through the presentation or watch it at; [South West OBC Open Regional – 20th May 2025 – #OfstedBigConversation](#)

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## DSL hub meeting

The Safeguarding in Education team will be delivering the next DSL support hub on **Wednesday 18 June 2025**.

These 30 minute sessions run every other Wednesday throughout the academic year (term time only) – there will be input from GHLL, Early Help, Community Social Workers and Police decision makers within the MASH, who alongside the GSEP team will be passing on current information, guidance and policies.

Log in details below for the next meeting, which starts at 8.30am;

## Microsoft Teams

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 370 572 300 844

Passcode: BLozNB

## Join on a video conferencing device

Tenant key: [glocestershire@m.webex.com](mailto:glocestershire@m.webex.com)

Video ID: 123 889 287 7

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## **PATA training- Proposed Early Years Inspection changes – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

Wendy Ratcliff (Ofsted Principal Officer for Early Education and Early Years Inspector) is running a session on Thursday 3rd July about the proposed Early Years Inspection Changes. Please book using the link:

<https://www.pataglos.org.uk/event-6123572>

PATA members can get this for free, non members £30. Wendy will talk about the changes to inspections and answers questions.

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## **Training & Meetings**

The following training & meetings will be taking place during June and July - Book now!

**Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting** - 10/06/2025 - 4.00pm - 5.30pm -  
Mary P's Day Nursery (Ashchurch Parkway, Tewkesbury,  
Gloucestershire, GL20 8TU) (Training Room) – [Book here](#)

**Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting** - 11/06/2025 - 4.00pm - 5.30pm -  
Steam Mills Primary School (Steam Mills, Cinderford, Gloucestershire,  
GL14 3JD) - [Book here](#)

**Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting** - 12/06/2025 - 4.00pm - 5.30pm - Great Oldbury Primary Academy (Great Oldbury Primary Academy Veterans Way, Stonehouse, England, GL10 3WH) – [Book here](#)

**Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy Training (SIOT Level 2) – Practical Strategies: sensory processing in the Early Years – 12/06/2025**(Awaiting venue to be confirmed), booking not yet available. Training will be held within Gloucester locality.

**Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy Training (SIOT Level 2) – Practical Strategies: sensory processing in the Early Years – 19/06/2025**(Awaiting venue to be confirmed), booking not yet available. Training will be held within Stroud locality.

**Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting** - 23/06/2025 - 4.00pm - 5:30pm - Hesters Way Children Centre (Dill Avenue, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL51 0ES) (Elliott Building) [Book here](#)

**Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting** - 24/06/2025 - 4.00pm - 5.30pm - Longford Park Primary Academy (Clock Tower Road, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 9FP) [Book here](#)

**Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting** - 25/06/2025 - 4.00pm - 5.30pm - Stow Nursery, Stow on The Wold Primary School (St Edwards Drive, Stow-On-The-Wold, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL54 1AW) – [Book here](#)

**Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy Training (SIOT Level 1)** - 26/06/2025 - 4:00pm - 6:00pm - Chesterton Primary School, Apsley Road Cirencester, Gloucestershire GL7 1SS [Book here](#)

**Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy Training (SIOT Level 2) - Practical Strategies: Sensory Processing in the Early Years - 03/07/2025 - 4:00pm - 6:00pm - Severnbanks Primary School, Naas Lane, Lydney, Gloucestershire, GL15 5AU -** [Book here](#)

**Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy Training - Play to Ignite Development** – 10/07/2025 (Awaiting venue to be confirmed), booking not yet available. Training will be held within Cotswolds locality.

**Childminder Network Meeting** - 16/07/2025 - 7:00pm - 8:00pm - Online via Teams [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@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:eyservice@gloucestershire.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@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:eyservice@gloucestershire.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@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:eyservice@gloucestershire.gov.uk) and we will consider your request on a

case-by-case basis.



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