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Early Years Newsletter

8 March 2024





Welcome to the Provider Update 24 (2023/24)

We hope you are all well and that you are keeping warm in this cold snap.

A few updates and some new event information for you today.

The Early Years Team

Paediatric First Aid Training (Reimbursements)

As we come to the end of the financial year, the Paediatric First Aid training budget is now oversubscribed. Early Years providers asking the Council to consider a contribution to First Aid training will need to apply from the 2024-2025 budget which will open from 1 April 2024. Those who have already submitted funding requests which we are unable to process will be considered from April 2024 budget. For more information, please visit:

[Paediatric First Aid | Early Years Service \(gloucestershire.gov.uk\)](#)

Early Years Inclusion Programme

Dingley's Promise have made accessing this funded training programme a little easier. This programme is free to all early years providers in Gloucestershire, to sign up for this training follow this link <https://dingley.org.uk/dingleys-promise-training/comic-relief/>

Please see poster [here](#).

Inspection themes - February 2024

Each week we analyse recently published inspection reports where providers have been judged as 'less than good'. Nationally we are seeing some common themes around:

- Hygiene Practices, for example - hand washing, food preparation and practices around nappy changing.

- Supporting children's behaviour – consistency regarding managing behaviours that challenge, ensuring staff have the knowledge and skills to understand children's behaviour
- Staff supervision – ensuring there is effective staff coaching, guidance and training to help staff improve gaps in their knowledge and practice

If you feel you need further support in any of these areas please do get in touch by emailing the [EYService](#) and inputting **Quality** into the subject line.

CHARGES FOR TRAINING COURSES FROM APRIL 2024

Please be advised that with effect from **1 April 2024**, the Early Years Service will be charging for all training courses that we deliver or commission. As you are aware, we already charge for our Conferences and they remain well supported with full attendance, for which we thank you. Whilst the charges do not cover the costs of the Conferences, they do enable us to welcome prestigious, nationally acclaimed EY experts to deliver key note speeches and/or present workshops and the evaluations have been overwhelmingly positive.

Please be assured that we remain fully committed to offering a range of high quality training at the lowest cost possible. We do appreciate the financial difficulties facing the sector and have done our utmost to keep charges to a minimum; we are confident that our courses offer excellent value for money so please do continue to access them for yourself and your staff. Please see details of the charges below for 2024/25:

EY Conference £50.00

CM Conference £40.00

Early Years SENCO Training (2 days) £50.00 per delegate

L3 Cache Accredited SENCO Award £300.00 per delegate

Up to ½ day training delivered to whole setting - £25.00 - £50.00 depending on size

½ day training per delegate - £20.00

Up to 2 hours training per delegate - £15.00

Networking meetings (Leaders & Managers, SENCO Clusters) will remain free of charge.

We have also taken on board the frequent feedback we have received regarding the difficulties with our current invoicing/payment system and are pleased to inform you that we are in the process of moving to a credit/debit card payment system in the near future.

Further details on this will be available as soon as the system is up and running and we will include an update in the weekly provider email as soon as this happens.

If you have any questions about the above, please do not hesitate to contact: [EY Service Admin Team](#)

News and Bulletins

For your convenience, we have set up a newsletter archive on the main Gloucestershire County Council website. Each bulletin is uploaded to the web page when it has been published.

Please use this link for the EY Service Provider Newsletters:

[Provider Bulletins and News](#)

Use this link for Business and Funding Bulletins and News:

[Business and Funding Updates](#)

Training opportunities in February/March 2024

Don't miss these training and meeting opportunities between now and Easter 2024!

[SENCo Training for Early Years booking link](#) (Day 1 of 2) - 14 March 2024 09:00-16:00 - Gloucester ***Please note - we have removed the restriction on the number of delegates from a setting if you would like to make further bookings.***

Childminder Pre-Registration Information Briefing - 20 March 2024 18:45-21:00 - book via email to [EY Admin Team](#).

[Safeguarding Module for Early Years Practitioners booking link](#) - 19 March 2024 - 18:15-20:15 - Cheltenham

[Self Update Provider Portal Training booking link](#) - 20 March 2024 - 10:00-12:00 - Gloucester

[Childminder Network Teams Meeting - Spring/Summer 2024 booking link](#) - 20 March 2024 - 19:00-20:00 - Virtual via the Big Blue Button

[Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy Training booking link](#) - 21 March 2024 - 16:00-18:00 - Stonehouse

[New date added! ECAT Profile Training booking link](#) - 17 April 2024 - 16:00-17:30 - Virtual via Zoom

[New date added! ECAT Profile Training booking link](#) - 24 April 2024 - 16:00-17:30 - Virtual via Zoom

Save the date! Early Years Expanded Entitlement Information events

Events are planned for all EY settings in Gloucestershire at a range of venues across the county. The dates are:

Date	Time	Location
19 April 2024	09:30 - 12:30	Stroud
20 April 2024	09:30 - 12:30	Gloucester
27 April 2024	09:30 - 12:30	Cheltenham
30 April 2024	16:30 - 19:30	Tewkesbury
8 May 2024	16:30 - 19:30	Cheltenham
15 May 2024	16:30 - 19:30	Gloucester
17 May 2024	09:30 - 12:30	Cotswold
22 May 2024	16:30 - 19:30	Forest of Dean

Venue information will be on GCC+ when these events go live on Wednesday 20 March 2024 and there will be further details in a Business and Funding Bulletin later that week. There is no charge for attending this event, and we invite a maximum of 2 people from each setting.

DSL Support Hub - Wednesday 20 March 2024 - 8:30

The Safeguarding in Education team will be delivering the next DSL support hub on Wednesday 20 March 2024. 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.

To join the session:-

Please use the following log in details to access the session as a guest user:

<https://gccplustraining.org/course/view.php?id=374>

Password: SupportAll

DSL Support Hub - Wednesday 6 March 2024

Please click [here](#) to access notes from the meeting and see the link below to access the recording.

[Playback \(gccplustraining.org\)](#)

Also, click [here](#) for the slides from Ian Morgan and Sophie Gilbert's very informative presentation.

Please also note the important information from the Training Team on the notes from today's meeting.



If you have queries about any of the above, please email

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