

## Early Years Childminder Newsletter - February 2025

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**Dear Childminders,**  
**Yay, we have made it through January and finally into February. Hope you are all surviving the winter and staying well.**

### **Childminder Network Meeting (Teams)**

The dates are now available to book for this year. Please let me know if there is anything you would like to focus on.

The next meeting is February 25<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm and we are looking at Risky play.

[\*\*Book Childminder Network Meeting \(Teams\)\*\*](#)

## **Improving Immunisation Uptake**

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The SCW (South, Central & West) Improving Immunisation Uptake (IIU) Team are excited to announce the launch of free of charge 1-hour training sessions aimed at supporting Early Years settings in raising awareness of the importance of routine childhood immunisations and improving immunisation uptake rates across the South West.

This training has been developed on behalf of NHS England, the training sessions will be available across seven different dates and times to offer maximum flexibility for attendance. The 1-hour sessions will be virtual, and individuals only need to attend one of the free available sessions.

Training will be delivered throughout February and the first week in March 2025 by experienced nurses specialising in childhood immunisations. The training session is aimed at Early Years providers, including nurseries, family and children's centres, childminders, and preschools. The session will highlight the importance of routine childhood immunisations and the significant role Early Years providers play in supporting the UK's routine immunisation programmes.

We recommend attendance by individuals interested in becoming immunisation champions alongside staff who regularly communicate with parents/carers, and those handling new child registrations. We would recommend that it may be beneficial for larger settings if a minimum of 2 staff members attends.

Your participation will play a crucial role in safeguarding the health and wellbeing of children and maintaining a safe environment in Early Years settings. This is a timely opportunity to support the NHS England national campaign to increase the uptake of childhood vaccinations.

[Book your place](#)



SCW Improving Immunisation Uptake Team  
**Early Years Project**

Do you want to know more about  
vaccinations and the **UK Childhood**



## Immunisations Programme?

Our **Clinicians** will guide you through an incredible immunisation journey.

**Come and join us!**



### What you will learn:

- You will understand who is eligible for vaccination on the NHS routine UK immunisation schedule
- You will have an awareness of potential barriers to vaccination
- Benefits and risks of vaccination
- Where to signpost people for further information and
- vaccination



**Don't delay!**  
Our training sessions  
start on the 4<sup>th</sup> of  
February 2025

### Extra Resources:

- *Childhood Immunisations: A guide for early years providers*
- *Digital Support Pack* that includes links to useful resources
- *Attendance Certificate*

Session	Date	Time option
Session 1	04/02/2025	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Session 2	06/02/2025	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Session 3	10/02/2025	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Session 4	12/02/2025	01:00 PM – 02:00 PM
Session 5	25/02/2025	11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Session 6	27/02/2025	06:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Session 7	04/03/2025	9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

For more information, please contact  
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Please book your ticket on Ticket Tailor:

<https://buytickets.at/nhssouthcentralandwestcsu/1517698>

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## Do families at your setting know about the HMRC app yet?

We know that early years settings play an important role in supporting families: from providing advice on funded entitlement eligibility to guidance applying for tax-free childcare – and much more.

That's why we at the Early Years Alliance are so pleased to be working with HMRC to spread the word about the [HMRC app](#), which can help families stay on top of their finances and personal tax.

**The Bristol and Beyond [Stronger Practice Hub](#)** offer free training for Gloucestershire Childminders (Please do not worry if you have to arrive late due to working until 6pm).

### **SPH Introduction Session - What can the SPH do for your setting?**

February 11 @ 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

**Live Panel Webinar: Why Playful Maths? with Dr Helen J Williams and Panelists**

February 12 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Getting it Right for Babies**

February 13 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Supporting Two-Year-Olds Speech and Language**

March 5 @ 6.00pm - 7.30 pm

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Thank you for reading and I hope you find the Childminder Newsletters informative and useful. Please email [Caroline Vans](#) with any questions. Alternatively, if you need something more urgent, please email the [Early Years Quality Team](#).



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