

Early years & childcare services

E-newsletter - September 2010



Welcome to this month's e-newsletter, keeping you up-to-date with all early years' news, updates and events.

We hope you find this e-newsletter useful. If you would prefer not to receive this email, just let us know by emailing fis@nottscc.gov.uk

Safeguarding procedures

NEW Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Procedures Published July 2010

These new procedures set out the new inter-agency arrangements in Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire to make sure all agencies, across statutory voluntary and private sectors, work together to safeguard children and young people and promote their welfare.

Each setting should be aware of the new procedures and the setting's safeguarding policy should name the new documentation within it.

The new procedures are available to view on www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/nscb and can be accessed by clicking on the left hand link – Child Protection Policies, Procedures and Practice Guidance. There is no need to download the whole document but be aware of its location on the web.

Also look out for the '**What's New**' section on the web site, in particular the NSCB newsletters that will inform you of any new changes. The July 2010 edition has valuable legislative updates on:

- Safeguarding Disabled Children
- Escalation Procedure
- Door Locking Policy

NEW – Important safeguarding information

Pathway to Provision (multi-agency thresholds guidance) - document available to view/download

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/pathwaytoprovision

The purpose of the Pathway to Provision is to support practitioners to identify the child, young person and/or family's level of need and to enable the most appropriate referrals to access provision. It is especially critical that appropriate referrals are made to Children's Social Care to ensure the safety of children and young people in Nottinghamshire.

There are also handbooks available to view/download to support practitioners to enhance their knowledge of the CAF (Common Assessment Framework) and JAT's (Joint Access Teams)

It is important that practitioners are aware of the above document and understand the new guidelines regarding referrals to Children's Social Care. This information should also be visible within safeguarding policies in the setting.

Training and Development Opportunities (TADO)

There are still spaces available on the below TADO courses starting soon. See the TADO booklet for full descriptions of the courses at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/earlyyears

To book a place, download an application form and fax back to 0115 977 2437 ASAP. Or ring the training team on 0115 977 3065. Or email ey&cc.training@nottscc.gov.uk

Course Title	Date	Venue	Page Number
Becoming an Effective Leader	4/10, 11/10, 18/10	Arnold Town FC	12
Following the Code of Practice	4/10	National Fluid Power Centre	66-67
Talking Matters	5/10	Edwinstowe House	107-108
Taking Storytelling Outdoors	5/10	Manor Farm	114
Owner/Manager Briefing	6/10	Pleasley Landmark	1
Use of Interactive Whiteboard	6/10	Edwinstowe House	104
Using Observation Effectively	7/10	Pleasley Landmark	78-79
An Introduction to Portage	7/10	Beeston Fields Golf Club	72
EYFS Network (Rushcliffe)	8/10	Nottingham Forest FC	3-5
Peer Observation	12/10	Beeston Fields Golf Club	20
EYFS Network (Bassetlaw)	12/10	National Fluid Power Centre	3-5
ILM Diploma Level 4	Commences 13/10	Arnold Town FC	9
Talking Matters	13/10	National Fluid Power Centre	107-108
Here Come The Boys	13/10	Beeches Hotel	93
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Quality Circle Time	15/10	Everyday Champions Centre	101
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Behaviours That Challenge	18/10	Beeston Fields Golf Club	60-61

TADO update – ILM Level 5 Certificate in Leadership

Please note that this course is **available to all practitioners** and not just practitioners who hold EYP status as stated in the course description in the TADO. It is for anyone who feels it would support their development especially if they are in a leadership role. Contact the training team on 0115 977 3065 for more information.

Course Title:	ILM Level 5 Certificate in Leadership	Course ref:	2GLF		
Course administrator:	Training Administrator Early Years & Childcare Team, Nottinghamshire County Council, Children and Young People's Services, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP. Tel: 0115 977 4310. Fax: 0115 977 2437.				
Course tutors:	Allied Business Solutions				
Target group:	All practitioners who feel it will support their development especially if they are in a leadership role.				
Course level:	Intermediate and Advanced	Group size:	12		
General	This programme provides delegates with the opportunity to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harness their potential to be a good leader • Record the progress of their own leadership performance through self-reflection • Participate in Action Learning Sets in order to learn and receive feedback from others • Relate active learning to real work-based scenarios • Manage their own learning and develop in the areas that are most needed 				
Lunch provided					
Learning outcomes:	The course includes the following ILM units: <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Assessing your own leadership capability and performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This unit enables delegates to learn about different leadership styles and assess their own leadership abilities <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Improving own leadership potential through action learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This unit through Action Learning Sets helps develop delegates' leadership capabilities and performance. • Delegates will complete a Leadership Log documenting their leadership development over an extended period of time 				
KEEP Outcomes:	Work with other professionals within and beyond the setting (K6) Relationships with both children and adults (K1)				
Course Ref.	Start date	No. of sessions	Time	Venue	Closing date
2GLF	Thursdays (except where indicated) 14 October & 18 November 2010 2 December 2010 & Friday 3 December 2010, 13 January 2011, 17 February 2011, 10 March 2011, 7 April 2011, 5 May 2011, 9 June 2011, 30 June 2011, 21 July 2011	12	09.30-16.30	Arnold Town Football Club, Eagle Valley, Oxtown Road, Arnold, Nottingham NG5 8PS	Please express an interest using a TADO application form and we will contact you.

Single point of entry into school – September 2011

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Providers need to be aware of changes recently introduced by Government and outlined in the new Schools Admissions Code. From September 2011 all **children will be offered a full time place in primary school from the September following their 4th birthday.**

Although the impact for providers will vary, it is clearly a significant change and may well affect the number of children attending your provision; particularly in the first year. If you are concerned about the potential impact on your numbers and need advice please contact David Rogers, Business Support Officer, on 07977 210 151, email david.rogers@nottscc.gov.uk. Or contact Andy Walker on 07717 205 374, email andrew.walker@nottscc.gov.uk

A copy of the Schools Admissions Code 2010 can be downloaded from the DCSF website <http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/sacode/>, by clicking on a picture of the document on the left hand side of the page. (Please be aware that this web reference will be changing under the new Department for Education).

Reminder about the Early Years and Childcare Capital Grant

Early Years and Childcare Capital Grant scheme update

Settings that have received a small or large capital grant under the Early Years Capital Grant scheme should forward their original invoices evidencing expenditure (if they haven't already done so) to:

Andy Walker
Nottinghamshire County Council
Welbeck House
Darwin Drive
Sherwood Energy Village
Ollerton, Nottinghamshire
NG22 9FF

Settings, who have not completed their projects, should complete as soon as possible. All projects must be completed and receipts provided by March 2011, otherwise we may ask for grants to be returned. Please contact Business Support Officers immediately if there is a risk of your project not being completed within this timescale.

Contact:

Andy Walker
andrew.walker@nottscc.gov.uk
Tel: 07717 205 374

David Rogers

Email: david.rogers@nottscc.gov.uk
Tel: 07977 210 151.

National Parents Week 2010

Monday 18 – Sunday 24 October marks the 11th National Parent's Week organised by the Family and Parenting Institute. This year's theme is Knowing Families: How well do you know yours? and events will be running all across the country to celebrate the week.

To mark National Parent's Week, Nottinghamshire Families Information Service is urging parents, carers, families, partners and professionals working with children to visit their new Family Service Directory. This online directory is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and provides a wide range of information on local organisations and support services for children, young people, families and those working with them. It also provides information about what's on in Nottinghamshire including the events happening for Parent's Week.

For more information visit www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/fis and click on Family Service Directory. Can't find what you are looking for? Give the Nottinghamshire FIS a call on 0800 781 2168. If calling from a mobile ring 01623 520 694. Email fis@nottscc.gov.uk

Early Years Sector News - websites

Department of Education

SEN and disability Green Paper: Government calls for views

Ministers are considering how to ensure parents can send their child with special educational needs (SEN) or disabilities to their preferred educational setting – whether that is a mainstream school, special school or an academy. For more information visit:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/inthenews/inthenews/a0064379/sen-and-disability-green-paper-government-calls-for-views>

National Children's Bureau

NCB welcomes publication of Sir Ian Kennedy's report 'Getting it Right for Children and Young People'

NCB welcomes the publication of Sir Ian Kennedy's which highlights the longstanding cultural barriers to the improvement of health outcomes for children. For more information, visit

[:http://www.ncb.org.uk/campaigning/media_news/2010/jul_to_dec/ncb_welcomes_publication_of_si.aspx](http://www.ncb.org.uk/campaigning/media_news/2010/jul_to_dec/ncb_welcomes_publication_of_si.aspx)

National Day Nursery Association

NDNA members urge government to 'Avoid Huge Change' with EYFS

National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA) announced that initial research with its nursery members has revealed that the majority do not wish to see large-scale change with the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). However, one of the key areas that nurseries have said needs addressing is the level of red-tape under the framework. For more information visit: <http://www.ndna.org.uk/news/press+releases/views-EYFS-review>

Play England

Welcome to the new Play England website

Play England have redesigned their website to make it easier to find resources on children's play. For more information visit:

<http://www.playengland.org.uk/news/2010/08/welcome-to-the-new-play-england-website>

Gingerbread

'Single parents: you're brilliant' says national charity

Gingerbread has launched a 'You're Brilliant' campaign to reach single parents with the practical advice and support they need in the current economic climate. Visit

<http://www.gingerbread.org.uk/news/76/Youre-Brilliant>

Ofsted

A statement is not enough – Ofsted review of special educational needs and disability

A major review of special educational needs and disability arrangements published by Ofsted, the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills on 14 September, reveals a range of concerns about the current system and how well it is serving children and young people. For more information visit:

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/News/News-Archive/2010/September/A-statement-is-not-enough-Ofsted-review-of-special-educational-needs-and-disability>

Child Accident Prevention Trust

Read the CAPT's latest newsletter covering road safety, free quizzes and crosswords, warning about matches and lighters and much more. For more information visit:

<http://www.capt.org.uk/news/default.htm>

Children and Young People Now

Review told to slash paperwork

The early years sector is set to call for a reduction in paperwork and better communication with parents as part of the review into the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

For more information, visit: <http://www.cypnow.co.uk/news/ByDiscipline/Childcare-and-Early-Years/1030954/Review-told-slash-paperwork/>

Civitas urges government to scrap vetting and barring scheme

The controversial vetting and barring scheme (VBS) must be scrapped, a think-tank has warned. For more information visit: <http://www.cypnow.co.uk/news/ByDiscipline/Childcare-and-Early-Years/1030973/Civitas-urges-government-scrap-vetting-barring-scheme/>

Study shows Sure Start centres effective at reaching vulnerable families

Sure Start children's centres are effectively targeting the most vulnerable families, according to the latest study of Ofsted reports by 4Children. For more information visit: <http://www.cypnow.co.uk/Archive/1026309/Study-shows-Sure-Start-centres-effective-reaching-vulnerable-families/>

Nottingham Evening Post

Extra childcare available for children in Notts

For more information visit: <http://www.thisisnottingham.co.uk/news/Extra-childcare-available-children-Notts/article-2639030-detail/article.html>

Parents and carers to lead Notts childcare audit

For more information visit: <http://www.thisisnottingham.co.uk/news/Parents-carers-lead-Notts-childcare-audit/article-2582922-detail/article.html>

Notts parents urged to contact childcare support service

For more information visit, <http://www.thisisnottingham.co.uk/news/Notts-parents-urged-contact-childcare-support-service/article-2564864-detail/article.html>