



## Ealing Early Years Development & Childcare Partnership Meeting

**Date:** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2006, 9.30 a.m.

**Venue:** Queen's Hall, Town Hall, Ealing.

### 1. **Welcome & apologies**

The Chair officially welcomed Clare Welsby Children's Centre Project Manager. The Chair informed the Partnership of the sad death of Carmelita Adams and wanted to thank her for the contribution Carmelita had given to the Partnership.

### 2. **Minutes of the last meeting**

There was one correction for the minutes of the last meeting. Section 8 stated Ian Green where it should have stated Ian Gibb.

### 3. **Matters Arising**

We have IT technical problems so there will not be any power point presentations. These presentations will be included in the minutes. (The minute taker was unwell at the last meeting so the minutes may be limited for this meeting.)

### 4. **Partnership Update - Polly Bradley**

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**Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership Update**

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**Out of School**

- Dedicated OSC SENCO supporting VIP settings and the Play Service.
- OSC Provider Network Meetings
- Quality Indicators
- Quality Assurance
- Pending Ofsted inspections
- Early Years Conference

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**Training Programme 06-07**  
available from

- Wednesday 27th September online at [www.childrenscentres.org.uk](http://www.childrenscentres.org.uk)
- From week commencing 2nd October a hard copy will be posted out to all settings & childminders

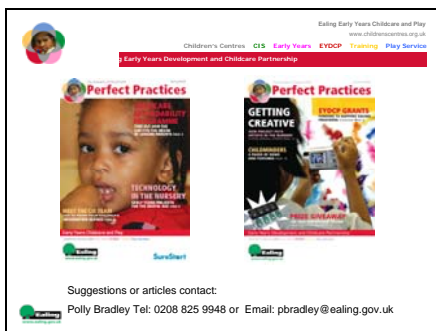
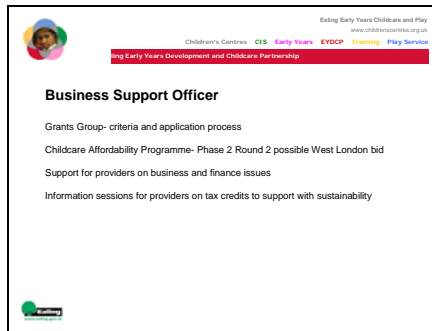
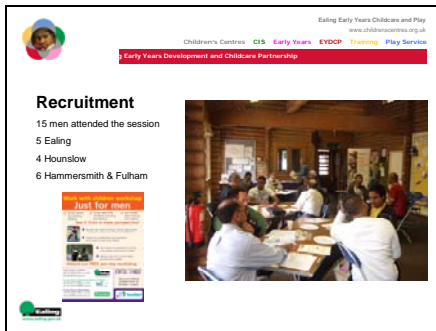
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**Childminding**

<b>NCMA</b>	<b>EYDCP</b>
Greenford/Northolt Southall Acton Hanwell/Perivale	Childminding Officer – Ealing Childminding Officer – Support for new childminders up to first year of registration

**EYDCP Childminding Officer Run Workshops**

- Pre-registration sessions
- Advanced pre-registration session
- 'Are you ready for your Ofsted inspection?' workshop
- Being self-employed' workshop



## 5. Children's Centres Project Manager – Clare Welsby

Please see presentation

## 6. Foundation Stage Profile Results – Samira John

Please see presentation

## 7. Childcare Act 2006 – Polly Bradley

### CHILDCARE ACT 2006

The new duties in the Childcare Act 2006 require local authorities to shape and support the development of childcare provision in their local area in order to make it flexible, sustainable and responsive to the needs of the community. The overall aim is that parents will be able to find childcare locally that meets their needs and enables them to make a real choice about work.

Our assessment should generate an overall up to date picture of the supply, parents' use of, and demand for childcare. Through our analysis, we will be able to identify gaps in childcare provision where parents needs are not being met.

There has always been a market in childcare and over recent years it has grown rapidly over 500,000 net places have been created nationally and over 90% 3 and 4 year olds are in free part-time early years provision.

The rise in provision has been met by a range of providers from the statutory, voluntary, independent and private sectors, but there has been a marked change in the nature of childminders and a growth in daycare and after school provision.

We have an important new role to commission and secure sustainable childcare across these different sectors. In order to do that effectively all authorities will have to have a good understanding of current and future demand and supply locally and how to match them.

Understanding demand involves parents needs covering issues such as affordability, location open time, the particular needs of black and minority ethnic groups and children with a disability or special education needs.

It also means assessing employers current and likely demand for childcare, depending on workforce composition and work patterns, as well as social economic and demographic mapping to identify how many and where places are likely to be needed

## 8. Group Activity - Assess parent demand

Parental Consultation

1. Partnership members have knowledge through the areas they work in who we could consult with and how we can gain access to these groups. What is the best way to consult?

Split into 4 area boards groups

Acton  
Ealing/Hanwell/Perivale  
Northolt/ Greenford  
Southall

Discuss

Who we need to be consulting with and why

How we access the different groups- named person to provide contact details of group

How to consult with the groups (phone, in person, post, focus groups etc)

Feed back to partnership

Feedback

Groups to consult with

National Childbirth Trust	Ealing 135	Local Employers e.g. Ealing Hospital, Ealing Council	Health Services- GP Surgeries, Baby Clinics	Islamic Centre
Gudwara Sikh Temple	Hindu Temple	Childcare Providers	Boots Wellbeing Centre	Gyms
Crossroads Perivale	Mencap	Ealing opportunity Playgroup	Local Sure Start Programmes	Children's Centres
Residence Groups	PLA	Childminder Networks	Community Groups	Contact a Family
Action Acton	Acton Forum	Portage Service	Social Services	Lone Parent Partnership
Pests	Parent and Toddler groups	Grandparents	Expectant parents	Schools
Child Development Team	Gingerbread	Health Visitors		

## 2. Sample questionnaires for parental consultation.

Read through questions as a group and highlight which questions to keep.

Are any questions missing?

Maximum number of questions/ length of questionnaire.

Other factors to think about.

Feedback to partnership

Incentive needed

Covering letter

Tick boxes

Expand on options  
Less jargon  
Clear instructions  
The pink questionnaire was very clear but need yes or no  
Small introduction

All the feedback and information gathered today will contribute to the planning of the parental consultation.

## 9. Ofsted Update – Laura Jay

### **Changes to application and annual fees**

1. The DfES consultation 'Childcare Registration: Fees Proposal' which ended on 30 May 2006 set out DfES proposals for an increase in the registration fees that childminders and day care providers pay.
2. A majority of respondents agreed that the DfES should change the fee and subsidy arrangements to achieve a fairer balance between fees that providers can afford to pay and subsidies from the taxpayer.
3. The DfES have therefore decided to proceed with the following increase in registration fees from 2 October 2006 as outlined in the consultation:

The application fee for childminders and sessional care providers to increase from £14 to £18  
The annual fee for childminders and sessional care providers to rise from £11 to £14  
The full day care application fee to increase from £121 to £150  
The annual fee for full day care providers to rise from £94 to £120.

This information will be published via Ofsted Direct: Early Years on 28 July. Further information about the transitional arrangements will be issued shortly.

### **Revised application forms**

1. Following a review a number of enhancements have been made to application forms for childminding and day care.
2. The changes are designed to make the forms clearer and easier to complete.
3. The revised application will start to be issued to CISs as soon as existing stocks have been used up.

### **Ofsted Application forms to change**

Following a review by the National Business Unit Application Forum and Early Years Head Quarters a number of enhancements have been made to application forms for childminding and day care

These changes are designed to make the forms clearer and easier to complete and input and to resolve outstanding inconsistencies with the Strategic Application Capture (SAC) software that Ofsted use.

I have read through the presentation Ofsted sent and the basic changes are:

New text advising applicants that the visit normally takes place within 2-4 weeks added  
Important wording and instruction has been bolded for example 'black ink' and 'block capitals' now in bold  
You are now required to send your CRB disclosure regardless whether Ofsted have seen it or not.  
And general amendments such as adding tick boxes, reducing spacing, switching questions around and merging questions and word changes.

## **Ofsted Direct – 28<sup>th</sup> July 2006**

The childcare implications of the newly passed Childcare Act 2006 for parents, childcare providers and local authorities

Examples of outstanding practice in helping children enjoy and achieve

A preview of the important report, Early Years: Safe and Sound

The changes to how we treat complaints and publish the results

A final report on what providers think of Ofsted.

### **10. Children's Centre Website – Laura Jay**

#### **Development of usage**

Hits have increased by 2034 since the last update bringing our total hits to 7566 in 9 weeks!  
On average over 32 hits a day!

#### **New Content**

##### **Children's Centres Section**

We are currently working closely with Esther and Jo from Play Service to update the content on each of the children's centres. Maps are now available for each centre to support with travelling, and we are currently working to add graphics of the centres to brighten up the page.

##### **CIS**

Ofsted Direct - Early Years Newsletter are now in the CIS section under Ofsted Documents

Ofsted Direct - Early Years Addition 1 (Jan 06)

Ofsted Direct - Early Years Addition 2 (May 06)

Ofsted Direct - Early Years Addition 3 (July 06)

##### **EY**

Have received general updates and additional content to the Birth to Three Section.

##### **EYDCP**

Transformation fund information has now been added by Jane Maltais, you can access this information from the web address by adding the link "/grant"

This content includes information on purpose of the transformation fund:

- The priorities of the funding scheme?
- Who will benefit?
- Who can apply?
- Further Information
- How to apply for an application form

##### **Date for Partnership meeting.**

Visit the EYDCP Notice Board for the dates and times of the next partnership.

##### **Training**

Training Programme will be live on line by the end of September - Mid October.

##### **Play Service**

Working closely with Jo @ play service to update this content.

### **Partnership Minutes**

As from today's meeting the Partnership Minutes will be on line in the EYDCP Notice Board.

The "What's new" page which can be found from the Homepage of the Children's Centre website.

### **11. Any Other Business**

Introduction of new Early Years Consultant.

### **12. Date of next meeting**

**Date: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

**Time: 1.30pm – 3.30pm**

**Venue: Queens Room**

**Ealing Town Hall**

**Ealing Broadway**

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The meeting closed at 12 noon.