

Minutes of Childminder Forum

Twickenham Training Centre (TTC)

Thursday 26 September

Minutes

Welcome and service update

Rachel Turner, Interim Head of Early Years welcomed everyone to the meeting. Rachel provided a service update. Please see attached PowerPoint presentation.

Two year Old – childminder update

Melanie Curling informed childminders about change to the process of brokering 2 year old funded childcare places. Please see attached PowerPoint presentation.

Ofsted childminder update and childminding support – update

Margaret Monori, Early Years Consultant provided childminders with an Ofsted update and Helen Swan gave an update on childminding support. Helen also informed childminders that a decision about the childminding network will remain on hold until we hear further about childminding agencies and which are being trialled over the next few months. Please see attached PowerPoint presentation.

Children Centre – childminder update

Rachel Sheppard, Children's Centre Strategic Manager spoke about the early stages of new childcare arrangements at children's centres for courses from January 2014.

Rachel explained that new children's centre Ofsted guidance (April 2013) emphasised the importance of registering all under fives in REACH areas. 80% REACH is required to receive a good Ofsted grade and 97% REACH to obtain an outstanding grade. Rachel asked childminders to support children's centres by registering at local children's centres and asking families to register and to feedback about what services they need access to. A question was asked why childminders should register and Rachel advised that the children's centres offer a range of services including health, education, CAB etc, that staff are helpful and positive and that they can support parents if they have a negative experience with other professionals or just provide tailored advice and guidance as well as offering free, positive play opportunities and preparation for readiness for school.

Rachel also spoke about the new Advisory Boards and how this would enable services to better meet the needs of people who live in the localities with an under five.

Across the borough it is hoped to offer more childminder drop ins in children's centres or associated sites.

2. Ofsted Update

Margaret Monori provided an Ofsted update (please see attached handouts) and also spoke to providers about current consultations as follows:

<https://www.education.gov.uk/consultations/>

1. Consultations on proposed changes to the role of the local authority in education and childcare. Closing date: 6th May 2013
2. Good early years provision for all. Closing date 24th May 2013

https://www.surveymonkey.com/ofsted_ey2013

3. 2 Year Funding

Jane Knight and Melanie Adams provided a 2 Year Funding update. Please see attached PowerPoint presentation.

Please could providers email early.years@richmond.gov.uk with any suggestions regarding what support you would like to receive from government commissioned services?

4. Safeguarding Update

Helen McNally informed providers that safeguarding training materials had been updated and that a model safeguarding policy had been sent to the LSCB?

5. Transition Materials Discussion

Clare Catt asked providers for their comments and suggestions regarding the recently updated transition materials.