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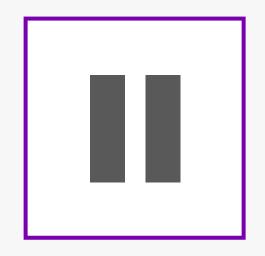
Briefing and Networking Sessions

October 2021



Ground Rules















Agenda

- Welcome, Zoom Housekeeping and Introductions
- Safeguarding Update
- Equality & Inclusion Team Update

Break

- Free for Two Update and Discussion Opportunity
- Early Years and Childcare Provider Association
- Evaluation and close



Safeguarding - Early Years Briefing

Education Safeguarding Service





Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) 2021

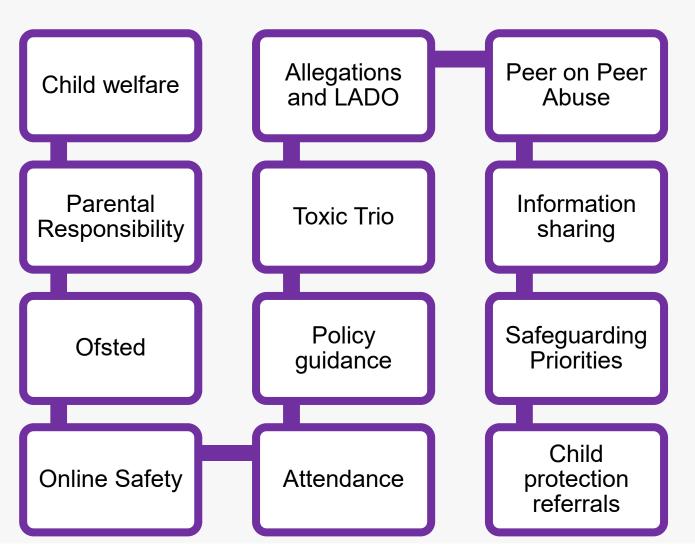
Providers "must take all necessary steps to keep children safe and well" by: safeguarding children; ensuring the suitability of adults who have contact with children; promoting good health; managing behaviour; and maintaining records, policies

Safeguarding requirements: Clear responsibilities of the designated person including training requirements; Recognition of warning signs in behaviour of adults working in settings; Not necessary to ban mobile phones but policy is required; Supervision and Disqualification



Key Issues and Consultations







Online Safety



82% of 3-4 year olds went online in 2020 (Ofcom 2021)



48% of 3 – 4 year olds own their own tablet device (Ofcom 2021)



73% of children have a presence online by the age of 2 (AVG.com)



Parents post 1,489 photos of their child online by their 5th birthday (Nominet/Parentzone 2016)

Is online safety relevant to Early Years?



Annex B

Peer on peer abuse

Children with family members in prison

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

Domestic Abuse

Mental Health

Harmful Sexual Behaviour

Children and the court system

Homelessness

Child Criminal Exploitation (County Lines)

Honour based abuse

Preventing radicalisation

Children missing in education

Child Abduction and community safety incidents

Cybercrime



Peer on Peer Abuse













Child Abduction and Community Safety Incidents

Child abduction is the unauthorised removal or retention of a minor from a parent or anyone with legal responsibility for the child.

Child abduction can be committed by parents or other family members; by people known but not related to the victim (such as neighbours, friends and acquaintances); and by strangers.



Cybercrime

UK Council for Internet Safety

Safeguarding Children and Protecting Professionals in Early Years Settings

Online Safety Guidance for Practitioners

Online Safety Considerations for Managers





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Canterbury Swale Thanet	03000 418503
Dartford Gravesham Sevenoaks	03000 412445
Maidstone Tonbridge and Malling Tunbridge Wells	03000 412284



Request a Service/Consult?

Front Door	03000 411111
Out of Hours	03000 419191
LADO Team	03000 410888
Ofsted Helpline	0300 123 1231



Services We Provide

Training for Early Years:

- Basic Awareness Child Protection Training
- Training for Safeguarding Leads
- Refresher training for EY Safeguarding Leads
- Safeguarding Training for Childminders
- Bespoke Online Safety Training for Settings

Reviews and Other Services:

- Advice and support on dealing with specific safeguarding incidents
- Child protection newsletter
- Template Child Protection, Acceptable Use and Social Media/Mobile Technology Policies.
- Safeguarding Reviews

E-learning:

- Basic Awareness for Childminders (including Online Safety)
- Online Safety for Early Years Managers and DSLs
- Online Safety for Early Years Practitioners
- Early Years DSL Refresher



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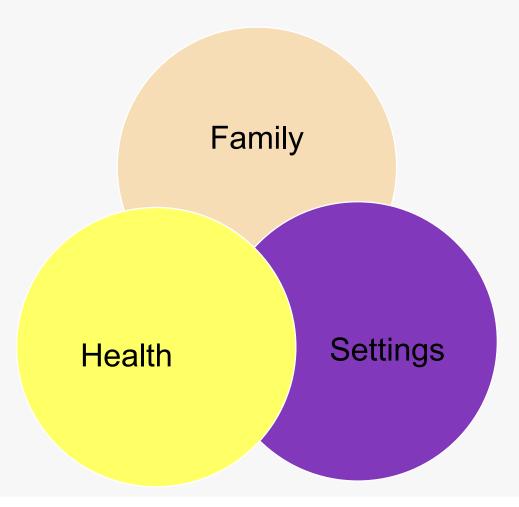


Integrated Review at Two (IR2)

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Equality & Inclusion Manager

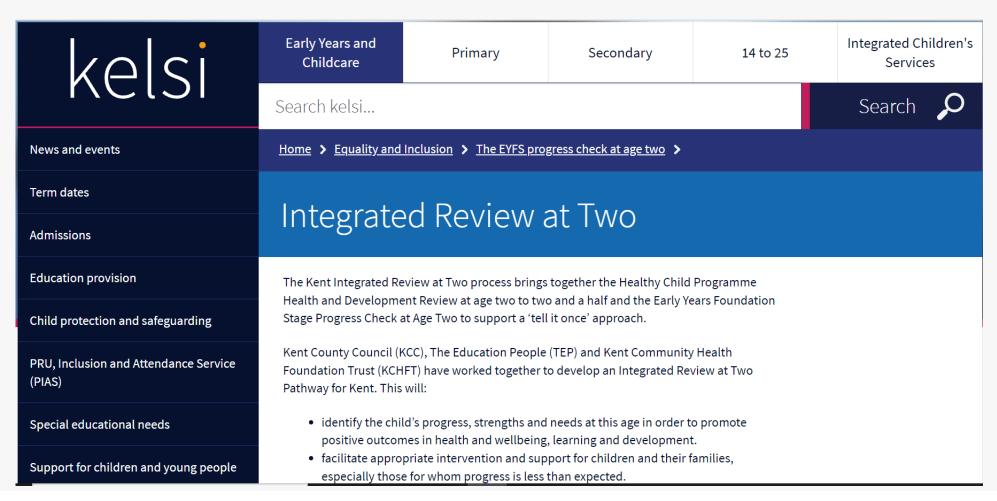


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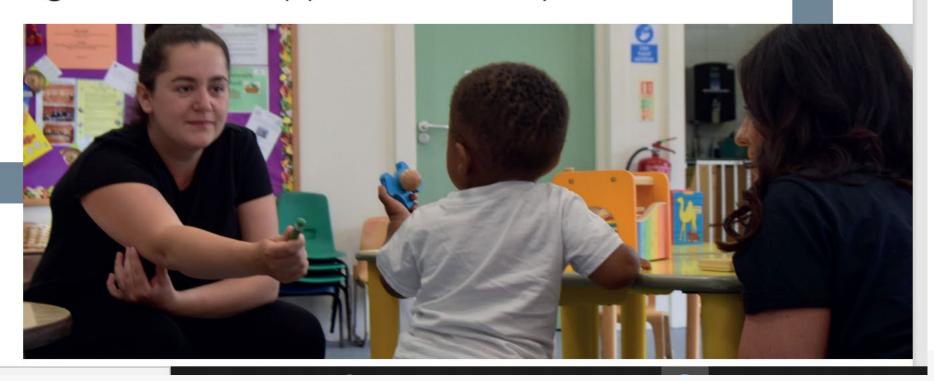
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A Celebratory Approach to Working with Children with SEND

Giving additional support in the Early Years









Break





Free for Two Project Update

Russell Garnham and Carol Briault



Free for Two Take-Up

Take-up at the end of autumn term 2020 was 64% (down 5.8% for the same term in 2019).

Take-up in districts varies, for example, 45.4% in Dartford, 46.1% in Gravesham, 58.2% in Maidstone, 68.5% in Thanet and 74.1% in Dover.

As a result of this take-up figure the Department for Education placed Kent as one of 20 local authorities in need of additional support to increase take-up. Hempsall's was appointed to oversee the project from January to March 2021.

The Early Years & Childcare Service led a Free for Two Working Group to review what and how we are doing and to come up with a plan to drive take-up further.



Free for Two Plan - What We Already Do

Plan Headings

- Leadership
- Provider Capability and Capacity
- Reaching and Engaging
- Promotion, Marketing and Communication
- Process, Data and Systems

Existing Work

- Coordinated approach between The Education People, Management Information and Early Help
- Regular take-up figures against the DWP list
- Regular review of take-up against places available
- Parent/carer postcards sent three times each year
- Social media content and paid for digital advertising.
 Promotional materials available
- Outreach by Children's Centre staff



Free for Two Plan to Increase Take-up

Plan Headings

- Leadership
- Provider Capability and Capacity
- Reaching and Engaging
- Promotion, Marketing and Communication
- Process, Data and Systems

Key New Pieces of Work

- Targeted planning and review meeting in Dartford, Gravesham and Sevenoaks involving Health Visiting colleagues
- Review of work undertaken by Early Help/Children's Centre's
- Parent Survey
- Further interrogation of data held
- New Parent/Carer Application Portal
- Postcards sent more regularly



Provider Discussion

- 1. Is there any feedback of any kind you are receiving from families around Free for Two you feel might be useful for us to know?
- 2. Is there anything else you think
 The Education People/Kent
 County Council could do that
 may support increased Free for
 Two take-up?





Early Years and Childcare Association

Provider Association Representative



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