



## Services for Young Children Business Support

### **Business Surgeries, training subscriptions and the Improvement Support Programme**

Providers will be aware from the recent round of provider briefings of the changes to the SfYC training subscription scheme and the Improvement Support Programme (ISP). These are driven by the changes in the role of the local authority set out in the 2013 statutory guidance for local authorities. We are aware that these changes are presenting challenges for some providers. All businesses need to think strategically about the type of support/training they will need and how this can be sourced and paid for. Early Years businesses always need to review their business plans and budgets but will now need to pay specific attention to resources required to secure training and support.

Settings judged “Good” or “Outstanding” by Ofsted will still be able to access high quality support from SfYC and, in most cases, will be able to purchase it through the Professional Options range of service delivery as introduced at the provider briefings. More details will follow shortly.

Business surgeries will continue to be free to all providers and settings that require guidance on business planning are encouraged to book on to one of these sessions to obtain relevant support.

The dates and venues of the summer term business surgeries as well as details on how to book will be published shortly.

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