



Services for Young Children

Commissioned Support Services for Childcare and Early Years
Group Settings and Childminders.

Services for Young Children is pleased to announce that both Children's Links and Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years (PACEY) have been contracted until 31 March 2015 to provide a range of services to complement the Services for Young Children Improvement Support Programme.

Both services will be directed by the SfYC Local Development Team through the Childcare Development Co-ordinator.

Children's Links – Group Setting Support

Children's Links will provide targeted and intensive support to group setting providers whose Ofsted outcomes are less than 'Good' and have actions/recommendations primarily in relation to welfare standards. Over the course of the contract, Children's Links will review voluntary sector information/links and update information on the SfYC website.

Children's Links will undertake the Early Years Education Funding Payment Compliance reviews alongside the SfYC Business Support Officers.

PACEY – Childminder Support

PACEY will provide support to new entrants to childminding as well as targeted and intensive packages of support to existing childminders whose Ofsted outcomes are less than 'Good'. This will be provided through a range of media, including Quality Practice and Play Sessions delivered through Children's Centres. PACEY will also continue to promote Early Years Education funding to childminders and seek to expand the number of childminders approved to deliver funded places to 2, 3 and 4 year olds.

Both Children's Links <http://www.childrenslinks.org.uk/Membership/tabid/58/Default.aspx> and PACEY <http://www.pacey.org.uk/> are membership organisations with separate websites that can offer services to their members that are outside of the scope and work of the Council's contracted service.

Services for Young Children <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/childcare> will soon publish a portfolio of **Professional Options** to complement the **Quality Improvement Training Programme** <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/childrens-services/childcare/providers/childcaretraining.htm> and Improvement Support Programme.