

# Progress Sharing for LED meeting Autumn 2016



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# About Portsmouth

Cabinet Member for Education

Director of Children Services

Children's Transformation Manager



Service Manager

Childcare Development Officer (Early Implementation)

Early Education Funding Co-ordinator

3 x Childcare Development Officers

2 x Early Education Outreach Officers



Childcare sufficiency Advisory Group Steering Group

Work Incentive Group

# Delivery of Trial 2016-2017

**Model:** To work with families to encourage into work or to increase hours with families on low income.

- Number of places - 415
- National criteria but with a lowered individual income cap to less than £22,500
- Reviewed in October 2016, increased to individual income cap to less than £28,000

All providers were invited to be part of the trial:

- Numbers of PVI signed up - 84% (78/92)
- School nursery classes - 2/11
- Childminders - 53% 32/60
- Funding rate for trial period - £4.88 for all 30 hours

# Little Peoples Nursery

- 60 place full day care setting
- Operating 8am - 6pm, 52 weeks per year
- Located in Drayton which is an affluent suburb of Portsmouth.





# How we approached the Trial



- The parents have been interested in the offer and have been asking lots of questions about the criteria
- Provided parents with information and application forms or sign-posted them to the local children's centre
- Portsmouth City Council have offered business support sessions and learning sets; helping us review our business model and the way the funding will be delivered.

# Key Challenges

- Concern that future rates have not been published; adopted an attitude of 'going with the flow'.
- Currently we do not offer the funding stretched over 52 weeks a year; to maintain a good occupancy throughout the year we will consider this during 2017.

# So what has worked for us?



- Making changes to our registration procedures to:
  - explain how the additional funding can be accessed
  - explain it can be stretched across the year
- Support from Portsmouth City Council
- Identifying families that could be eligible and supporting them through the application process.

## 3 top tips

1. Eligible children are likely to already be accessing your settings and may already be accessing the hours
2. Take the opportunity to network and fact find over the next year, locally and wider
3. Decide on your method of delivery and share this with all major stakeholders; think about what is going to work for your setting and the families who access the setting