

Update from 2 year old sub group 20/09/2016

Kevin updated that only 58% of children are accessing their 2 yr funding and there is a massive agenda to increase this. It is a priority in the city.

Children's centres have been allocated some funds to raise awareness and work within their locality to raise awareness and get more children in.

If PVI's feel that they can take more 2 year olds, please contact your local CC. They should be directing parents to settings that have spaces. Ideally Good and Outstanding nurseries are the remit.

Settings should be getting information from CC's about workshops about increasing awareness to parents about 2 year olds.

Updated figures on take up of 2,3 and 4 year olds for the summer term are on EYMIS.

CIAS (children's information advice service) has changed to CASS (Children's advice and support service). The number is still the same 3031888 however, childcare is option 1 now.

Health Visitors are still being updated on the offer and are getting better at making parents aware of the offer, however, the integrated review is still patchy across the city.

Marcia is putting together a tender for training and we will be updated in due course.

Lesley advised that the 2 year old offer is a huge safeguarding issue as if we do not know where all these two year olds are then how do we know they are safe. The agenda needs to be pushed in all areas.

There was a lot of discussion around Early Help and Early Help panels??? I advised that I was not aware of these panels being set up and what they are for. I am aware of Early help, but just through my own information gathering. It seems the PVI sector were missed off this crucial "new" safeguarding idea!!!

Tracey advised that the networks should be operating soon. The make-up of the Early Years Department are as follows:

Under Lindsey, Tracey manages the whole area. Two managers of EYC's are Jane Taylor and Maggie Kempson. 14 EYC's and 3 Early Years Teachers Angela Blower, Sue Bristow and one other (can't remember name).

Next meeting 23rd Novemeber