



Services for Young Children

30 hours Childcare – Hampshire selected to be an Early Implementer Innovator

On 2 February 2016 Hampshire County Council received notification from the Department for Education (DfE) to let us know that we have been successful in becoming an Early Implementer Innovator. Based on the strengths of our application and subject to a more detailed conversation, the DfE have indicated they would like to offer Hampshire funding to take forward some elements of our proposal to support early implementation delivery objectives.

The DfE will be in touch shortly with the council to discuss our proposal in more detail and to seek clarification on certain issues relating to our application.

The DfE have released the following press notice announcing the childcare early implementers:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/thousands-of-parents-benefit-from-30-hours-free-childcare-early>

The press release indicates that Hampshire is one of 25 local authorities that will support the core group of 8 councils who are the main pilot areas for the 30 hours childcare. The 25 Early Implementer Innovators will look specifically at innovative ways of making sure childcare is accessible to as many parents as possible.

Once we have spoken further with the DfE we will be in a position to inform providers of the next steps.