



# Services for Young Children

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### Webinars for groups

Prospect Services, the Hampshire County Council commissioned support organisation, have been providing Webinar meetings with childminders which have been successful. They are now able to offer committee run organisations opportunities to attend a new webinar for group committees on roles and responsibilities; the first session ran in January, and will now offer this on a monthly basis.

The next webinar on Roles and Responsibilities for voluntary run group provision is Thursday 25 February.

Group providers and childminders can also attend our Common Inspection Framework webinar who are awaiting their first Ofsted inspection or who are graded below good – our next one is 11 February.

**To book on to a Prospects webinar please contact [earlyyears.hampshire@prospects.co.uk](mailto:earlyyears.hampshire@prospects.co.uk) or telephone 01634 816029**

As webinar is new to Hampshire, the following information about webinars may be useful:

**What is a webinar?** A webinar is a great way to upskill from the comfort of your own home or anywhere with access to the internet. Webinar is accessed from a laptop/desk computer, tablet or even a smartphone. In a nutshell, it's a presentation on your screen with opportunities for discussion over the internet by voice or typed characters that will inform you about a subject. It can also be cascaded to others in your setting.

**I won't be able to access it.** We always run a webinar with 2 Quality Advisers so one of us can help with any IT problems; you can phone us to ask for help if you are struggling to access the webinar. Clear instructions are sent in advance, with the invite link and even a link to a test webinar to make sure in advance that your equipment will manage the webinar.

**Can I be seen on a webinar?** We ask everyone to turn off their webcams, as it slows the webinar down. If we can see you we will always tell you so you can turn your webcam off.

**Do I have to talk?** No not at all, there are options to join in with a discussion or ask a question if you want, but we 'mute' everyone's microphones' and can then bring people into the discussion if they want to say something. You will probably feel more comfortable once you have been listening for a while and may wish to add your comments when we pause for discussion or to check everyone is ok.

You will also have a facility to raise your hand by clicking a hand symbol, to indicate to the presenters that you would like to say something, so if you want to communicate you can.

You will also have a facility to use a chat function, to type messages to the presenters and the other listeners, this is quite popular during a webinar, people will type any questions or comments they have and the presenters can respond.

**I'm concerned about the noise in my house or location.** Don't worry we mute everyone's microphones on entry to avoid a lot of background noise. Background noise such as television won't interfere with the webinar. If at any point you wanted to speak, you may prefer to mute any background noise (TV, music) and let your family know at that point. We will let you know if we unmute you to join the discussions.

**I may not remember the content!** After the event we email the presentation so you can recap after and use it as a tool to cascade with colleagues.

Have a go and if you are still feeling worried about a webinar, get in touch and let us help.

