

Early Education Funding Autumn Update Evening

Tuesday 28th November 2017: 6:30pm
to 8:30pm

Civic Suite: Council Chamber



Overview of session

The focus of the evening will be:

30-hour Funding – The story so far in Solihull

We will cover:

- Early Education Funding Update
- Provider Portal
- 30hr Funding
- Sufficiency
- Q & A
- What's next....



Welcome & Introductions

The Team:

- Ann Pearson: Sufficiency & Supply
- Derek Forknall: Project Manager & Provider Portal
- Lisa Morris – Early Years Team: Quality & Market Management
- Steve Fenton: Senior Responsible Officer
- Tom Cure – FIS: Comms, Website, Resources

Celebrations– a year on

- High numbers of eligible 30 hours children placed
- Provider portal, local agreements, early education and inclusion funding in place
- Solihull web based support, training events and parent information available
- Successful bid to increase provision [x2]
- Updated sufficiency report for 'futures' planning
- Conversations begun to ensure the market place meets needs – schools/ settings



The screenshot shows the Solihull Family Information Service website. At the top, there is a header with the HM Government logo and the 'Childcare Choices' logo. Below this is a large blue question mark graphic with the text 'CAN I GET HELP WITH MY CHILDCARE COSTS'. To the left of the question mark are silhouettes of a family (a parent and two children) and to the right are silhouettes of a family (a parent and two children). Below the question mark is a navigation bar with the Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council logo and links for 'Resident', 'Business', and 'About the Council'. Below the navigation bar is a secondary navigation bar with links for 'Schools & learning', 'Planning', 'Libraries', 'Rubbish & recycling', 'Leisure & parks', 'Council tax', and 'More...'. Below the secondary navigation bar is a breadcrumb trail: 'You are here: Resident > socialservicesandhealth > childrenfamilies > fis'. Below the breadcrumb trail is the title 'Solihull Family Information Service'. Below the title are four service tiles: 'Support for parents' (For first time mums and dads, we can help parents get on their way), 'Activities and events' (Great ideas for families and children and sign up to our Parents' Network), 'Childcare' (Find Ofsted registered childcare providers and learn about free places), and 'Find my nearest' (Map based search). At the bottom of the page is the Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council logo.

Provider Portal

Derek Forknall

A reminder.....

The Vision

To streamline and simplify the process of claiming Early Years funding for 2, 3 and 4 year old children for **all** PVI settings by introducing a Provider Portal.

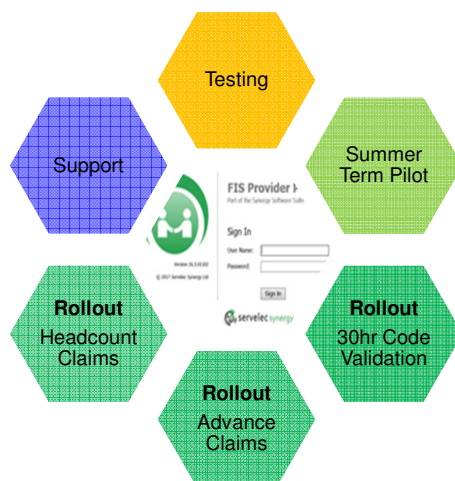
What is the Provider Portal?

A secure, web-based solution for PVI providers to submit advance claim information, final headcount details, and adjustment information on a termly basis.

What are the benefits?

- Simplify the claims process by removing the requirement to print and complete forms by hand.
- Reduce the cost of submitting paperwork to SMBC.
- Provides access to view up to date information on claims submitted for the current term, along with details of previous claims.
- Delivers functionality to simplify 30hours administration.

Provider Portal - The last 8 months



Provider Portal

Thanks!!

- Submissions
- Payments
- Support
 - Autumn Term: Project Team & FIS Team
 - Spring Term: Transition to FIS Team
- Update to Provider Portal

The Autumn Term – Key Issues

Not too many issues*

(*with the Provider Portal)

- Website
- Passwords
- Which headcount?
- Adding 30hr codes
- Attends 2 days or more

Provider Portal - Spring Term

- Spring Funding Pack
- Provider Portal
 - Child records carried forward
 - Remove / Update / Add
 - When?
 - Advance claims > After 1st December 2017
 - Update headcount > After 1st December 2017
 - Submit headcount > After 18th January 2018
 - Disability Access Funding (DAF)
 - Early Years Pupil Premium
- Questions and queries?
 - FIS Team: Tom Cure / Sue Ward

New version of Provider Portal

- When – 29th November 2017
- No changes to usernames or passwords
- Updating step-by-step guides
- Key Changes:
 - Universal and Extended hours recorded separately.
 - Easy to see 30hr code information.
 - 30hr Eligibility Check from within a child headcount record.
 - Child summary tab
 - Term Details
 - 30hr information
 - Universal Funding
 - Extended Funding
 - Totals

New version of Provider Portal

Submit Actual: 2017/18 EEF Autumn - 3 Year Olds [CHANGE](#)

Not submitted

Add Child

Send Claim

	Status	Child Name	Universal Hours (inc Adj)	Extended Hours (inc Adj)	Total Funding Amount for Term (inc Adj)	Child Weightings	Eligibility Status
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unchanged	(31-Jan-2014)	154.00	0.00	£600.60		18-Sep-2017 - 09-Feb-2018 Grace Period: 31-Mar-2018
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Edit Pending	(27-Nov-2013)	210.00	0.00	£819.00		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unchanged	(27-Nov-2013)	0.00	98.00	£382.20		27-Apr-2017 - 18-Dec-2017 Grace Period: 31-Mar-2018

Add Child

Send Claim

New version of Provider Portal

Name: DOB: 31-Jan-2014

[Summary](#) [Child Details](#) [Funding Details](#) [Parent / Carer Details](#)

Funding Details

Start Date*

End Date*

[Default Term Dates](#)

Weeks Attended in Term*

Present during Census ☒

Attends Two Days or More ☒

Nominated for DAF* ☐ Yes ☒ No

Universal Funded Hours per Week

Universal Hours*

Extended Funded Hours per Week

Extended Hours*

30H Eligibility Code

[30 Hours Free Childcare](#)

Eligible for 30H ☒

Total Funded Hours per Week

Total Funded:

Attendance Days

Attends Monday ☐ Yes ☐ No

Attends Tuesday ☐ Yes ☐ No

Attends Wednesday ☐ Yes ☐ No

Attends Thursday ☐ Yes ☐ No


Attends Friday ☐ Yes ☐ No

Attends Saturday ☐ Yes ☐ No

Attends Sunday ☐ Yes ☐ No

Non-Funded Hours per Week

Non-Funded Hours*

 If this child attends another setting as well as yours, be sure to enter the hours as per what has been agreed with the child's parent/carer

Save

Cancel

*denotes mandatory fields

New version of Provider Portal

Summary		Child Details	Funding Details	Parent / Carer Details
Term Start Date	04-Sep-2017			
Term End Date	31-Dec-2017			
No of weeks attended	14.00			
Nominated for DAF	No			
30H Eligibility Start Date	27-Apr-2017			
30H Eligibility End Date	18-Dec-2017			
30H Grace Period End Date	31-Mar-2018			
30H Eligibility last checked	02-Nov-2017 11:34:33			
▶ Provider Total Rate	£3.9000			
		Universal Funding		
		Funded Hours Per Week		0.00
		Funded Hours for Term		0.00
		Funding Amount @ Provider Rate		£0.00
		Child Weightings		£0.00
		Universal Funding Amount		£0.00
		Extended Funding		
		Funded Hours Per Week		7.00
		Funded Hours for Term		98.00
		Funding Amount @ Provider Rate		£382.20
		Child Weightings		£0.00
		Extended Funding Amount		£382.20
		Totals		
		Funded Hours Per Week		7.00
		Funded Hours for Term		98.00
		Total Funding (excl. Adj)		£382.20
		Total amount from Adjustments		£0.00
		Total Funding For Term (inc Adj)		£382.20

30-hour Funding

30hrs - The Last 8 Months

- Learning Curve
 - For all of us.....
 -particularly HMRC and DfE
- Communications:
 - Providers
 - Parents Network
 - Twitter
 - Local Offer

30-hour Funding Thanks!!

- Local statistics:
 - 1174 30hr codes submitted via the portal
 - 1275 applications by parents living in Solihull
 - 948 of these applications validated
 - No complaints of parents not being able to find a place
- The HMRC perspective:
 - National targets met

Key Issues

(A few more issues than the Provider Portal)

- Codes issued late by HMRC.
- Temporary codes.
- Late applications by parents.
- Code reconfirmation reminders.
 - c20,000 reminders not sent
 - Late reconfirmation = eligibility start date reset

DfE / HMRC Updates

- New 30hr code applications for Spring 2018
- Reconfirming existing codes
- Grace periods
- Communications
- HMRC / DfE ICT systems
- Tax Free Childcare

Communication Tool

- New HMRC Toolkit
 - Key message graphics
 - FAQs
 - Info for parents covering
 - 30hr funding
 - Tax Free Childcare



Childcare
Choices

Not sure what support
You could get with
childcare costs? Go to
childcarechoices.gov.uk

Apply now, if you
want 30 hours **free**
childcare from January.
childcarechoices.gov.uk



HM Government



To keep your 30 hours
childcare place **You** need to
check your details are up to
date every 3 months. Go to
gov.uk/childcareaccount

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Get your 30 hours free
childcare code in good
time for next term:
apply by 30 November.
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Tax Free Childcare

- What is Tax Free Childcare?
- Who is it for?
- When is it available?
- How do providers sign-up?
- HMRC Communications
 - Expected in January 2018
 - More info – Childcare Service Helpline on 0300 123 4097



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Local Agreement

- What is the local agreement?
 - Based on the DfE Model Agreement
 - Revised to include SMBC specific information
 - Replaces current local conditions
- When does the agreement come into place?
 - Spring 2018 term
 - Issued to all providers for review
 - Final version to be issued before end of Autumn term
- Document updates
 - Review termly and update as required

30-hours Spring Term

- Remind existing 30hr parents to reconfirm code
 - Audit information from SMBC
 - Status of code and action required
- Remind parents to make new applications (if relevant)
- Ensure information recorded on Provider Portal
- Questions and queries?
 - FIS Team: Tom Cure / Sue Ward

Provider Portal / 30hrs Questions

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Sufficiency of Early Education Funded Places

Ann Pearson



Early Years and Childcare Sufficiency Plan 2017

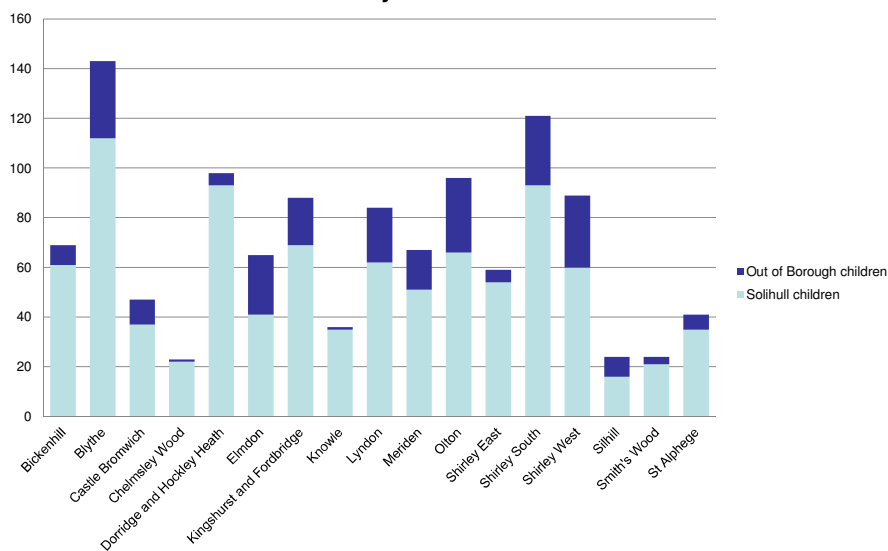
- Published this term
- Pulls together the baseline data for maintained and PVI providers of Early Years and Childcare within Solihull
- Feedback from parents and providers wanted
- Updated annually

Recommendations and Action Plan 2017/18

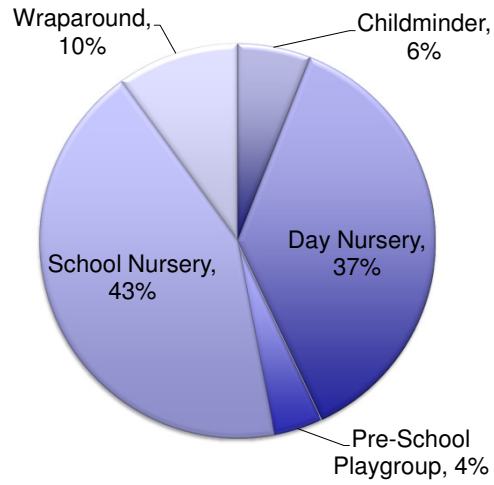
- Carry out a parent childcare survey to assess the extent to which the existing childcare provision is meeting the needs of parents
- Where gaps have been identified carry out further analysis - is it a gap or is there no demand!
- Collect vacancy and waiting list data for PVI providers
- Review the provision of and admission to school based nursery units in light of the 30 hour extended offer

Sufficiency of 30 Hours Early Education Funded Places

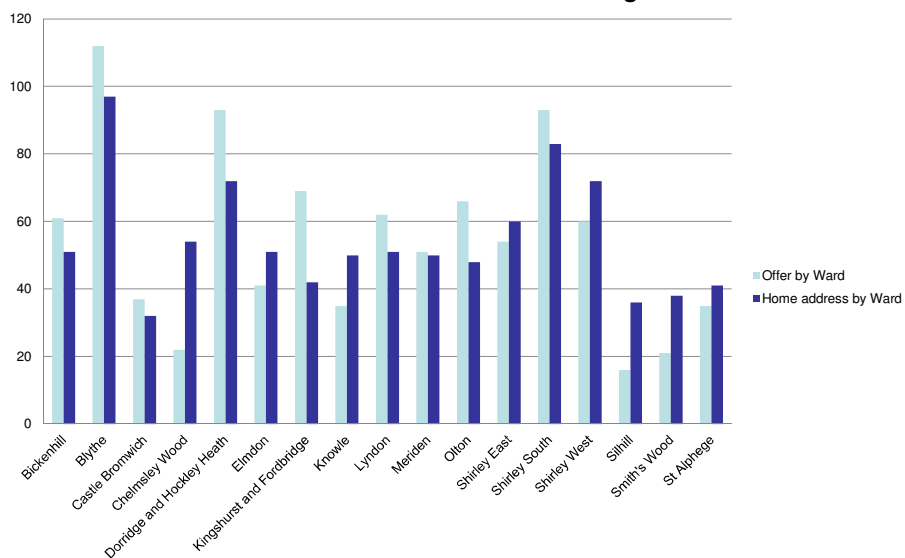
30 hour offers by Ward - Autumn Term 2017



Offer of 30 Hour Funded Places by Provider Type – Autumn Term 2017



Solihull Resident 30 Hour offers - Migration



Future Demand

- Borough wide projections
 - Spring Term 2018 - 300 Solihull children
 - Summer Term 2018 - 220 Solihull children
 - Need to plan for Out of Borough pupils
- Vacancy and waiting list at January 2018 head count
- Work with providers in ward areas where demand exceeds supply

30 Hours Delivery Support Fund

- Department for Education has set up a Delivery Support Fund.
- Funding accessed by bids to support the creation of 30 hour places in the Summer Term
- Guidance and details sent to providers- November 2017
- Bids submitted through the Council, applications required by 12 December 2017

Sufficiency – Next Steps

- Sufficiency – continue to implement the actions outlined in the Sufficiency Plan 2017
- Evaluate the January Headcount information for 30 hour funded places to plan for Summer 2018
- Work closely with providers to continue to meet the demand for 30 hour funded places.

Q & A

Summary and closing

- Focus on sufficiency
 - Summer 2018, Autumn 2018.....and beyond
- Provider Portal
 - Enhancements and minor changes
- Consolidation of the 30hr funding offer across Solihull
- Wider rollout of Tax Free Childcare
- Moving to business as usual

Thank-you