

## Early Years & Childcare Service

# Early Years Entitlement Briefing

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## Extended Flexible Entitlement

Target 25% of children from September  
2009

163 providers now offering 15 hours

Universal entitlement September 2010

Extended Flexible Entitlement – We are talking about the increase from 12.5 hours to 15 hours but that it will be delivered in a more flexible way.

It took some providers longer to plan for the 15 hours and therefore some settings have just started who were selected for September.

Whilst 25% of children have accessed more than 12.5 hours they haven't all done the full 15 hours and therefore a small number of providers will be invited to commence in the Summer Term.

# DCSF Framework

Minimum of 2 (2.5) hours per day

Maximum of 10 hours in 1 day

Maximum of 13 (12.5) hours in 2 days

Full entitlement of 15 hours over 3 days

38 weeks per year

From 8am to 6pm

Maximum of 2 providers

Draft code of practice has outlined a different Framework that was recommended in it's initial guidance.

Existing children accessing more that 2 providers will be allowed to continue but new children will not unless there are exceptional circumstances. These will be considered on an individual basis.

# Flexible Extended Offer

How flexible can your provision be?

What childcare hours do parents require?

What shifts do local employers operate?

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Flexible does not mean that every parent can demand the hours they require. Setting needs to consider what it can offer but if you work with the needs of parents you are more likely to be successful.

## Delivery Model – Sessional

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
<b>Early</b> 08.15-09.15					
<b>Morning</b> 09.15-11.45					
<b>Lunch Club</b> 11.45-12.45					
<b>Afternoon</b> 12.45-15.15					
<b>Late</b> 15.15-18.15					

Funded	Chargeable
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This is how a typical setting would have been offering sessions of 2.5 hours with a 1 hour break in between 2 funded sessions.

For any registered provider of the EY Entitlement, you will be delivering EYFS and therefore funding can be used for any part of the day.

## Delivery Model – Sessional

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
Morning 09.30-12.00					
Lunch 12.00-13.00					

In the past the 2.5 hour sessions has made it difficult for providers to extend

Claiming in hours may enable settings to offer an extra hour

Rented premises continue to be a barrier

Now the funding is hours rather than sessions it may make extending easier for settings who rent their premises.

# Delivery Model – Flexible Example

	6 hrs	6 hrs	4 hrs/ 4 hrs	4 hrs/ 4 hrs	2 hrs/ 2hrs
08.00-10.00	Child 1	Space	Child 2	Child 2	Space
10.00-12.00	Child 1	Child 1	Child 2	Child 2	Child 2
12.00-14.00	Child 1	Child 1	Child 1	Child 2	Space
14.00-16.00	Child 1	Child 1	Child 1	Child 1	Space
16.00-18.00	Child 1	Space	Child 1	Child 1	Space

Child 1    Child 2    Space

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Full day care providers where most parent require more than just the free entitlement.

## Flexible Example

	Child 1	Child 2	Child 17/25	2 staff	3 staff
08.00-09.00					
09.00-10.00					
10.00-11.00					
11.00-12.00					
12.00-13.00					
13.00-14.00					
14.00-15.00					
15.00-16.00					
16.00-17.00					
17.00-18.00					

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Plan staffing levels with bookings to meet your adult to child ratios

## Full Day Care - Models

	Am/Pm Sessions	AM/PM/Lunch	Child 17/27	Flexible	Flexible
08.00-09.00					
09.00-10.00					
10.00-11.00					
11.00-12.00					
12.00-13.00					
13.00-14.00					
14.00-15.00					
15.00-16.00					
16.00-17.00					
17.00-18.00					

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More models as an example only. You may come up with something totally different or you may offer a range of models.

It is important that within your modelling you have 15 hours available for a parent who wants to use just their free entitlement.

Eg, If you are doing 4 hour blocks a parent would have to attend either 12 hours and not access their full entitlement or 16 hours and pay for an hour.

You should also consider that some parents maybe taking various blocks of times with other providers and that between you the free entitlement should be available but by choosing 2 providers we accept this may not be the case.

Remember we can only fund in ½ hours or complete hours and sessions should be planned with this mind. If you operate 15 minute blocks, the multiple of these will be funded for 30min or 1 hour but if the attendance is 6 hrs and 15 mins the claim will be rounded down.

If a parent does request hours outside of your model, we would encourage you to take the child if you have space. This will generate some funding income from you which is better than having an empty space. Also, the parent may increase the hours required in future to fit in with your model.

## Delivery Model – Partnership Example

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
Morning	Setting 1	Setting 2	Setting 1	Setting 2	Setting 1
Lunch Club	Setting 1	Setting 2	Setting 1	Setting 2	Setting 1
Afternoon	Setting 1	Setting 2	Setting 1	Setting 2	Setting 1
After School	Setting 1	Setting 2	Setting 1	Setting 2	Setting 1



Partnership model – If you know that some of your children attend another nearby setting try to work with them. Maybe between 2 settings you can offer 5 full days giving all parents maximum choice.

Maybe you are a morning only provider but maybe you can signpost parents to childminders that collect from your setting so that if you can't deliver a full day you can by working in partnership.

## Providers

Implement a flexible model based on local need and demand based on parent consultation

Consider cost implications of additional hours being funded (current rate £3.54 per hour)

Overcome barriers regarding staffing and premises

Parents needs will change

You will be providing more funded time. If your hourly charge is higher this may have an impact on your income. However, because of the increase in hours parents are taking up more and this will fill empty spaces.

Involve staff in your planning sessions so they are informed of why changes are happening.

# Planning

- You will all have different models
- You should work towards an hourly charge
  - You need a charging policy
- You need to have a contract with parents

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A sample Parent Contract can be found on the [www.devon.gov.uk/docbank](http://www.devon.gov.uk/docbank)

# Future Considerations

September 2011 -Single offer point  
Option to remain with PVI

2012 - Stretching the entitlement  
Parents who require all year round provision

As part of the National Rose Review

Children who are 4 before Sept 11 will be offered a school place in September –  
No January intake

They will have the option to start school either part-time or full-time. Deferred entry will be an option and more details to follow.

Statutory school age will remain unchanged and all children must be in school the term following their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday.

There will also be an option for children to access 25 hours at their existing Early Years provider. We are unsure if there will be similar framework as to how the hours can be taken over a number of days from the DCSF.

Hours will not be allowed to be split between a school and PVI setting

Allowing the entitlement to be used during the holidays but also possibly working on an annualised hours. Again, framework needs to be considered as claims where hours are used with 2 providers – 1 term-time only and 1 all year round.

# Parents

All 3 & 4 year olds are entitled to free early learning & care

The first 15 hours attended will be the Early Years Entitlement

Access to additional chargeable services **CANNOT** be a condition of a place

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This is not a subsidy and the funding should not be deducted from your normal hourly rate.

If a child attends less than 15 hours, all of those hours should form part of their free entitlement. You will be funded for those hours and no charges will be made for that time. Hours attended over and above 15 hours can be charged for at your normal hourly rate as set out in your charging policy.

It is simpler for parents to understand that if they require 20 hours and claim 15 hours funding that you need to charge for the 5 hours only. This should be agreed in a contract and make the invoices much simpler for parents to understand.

Additional charges cannot be a condition of a place and can be seen as a barrier for some families. Children who purely want their free entitlement must not be charged a registration fee, charged in advance for their free entitlement, expected to pay for a chargeable cooked lunch (packed lunch must be an option), retainer fees for holiday periods where the child won't attend.

# Questions



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