



Provider Consultation on the Early Years National Funding Formula (EYNFF) for 2023/2024

Introduction

Bristol City Council's Early Years Team are awaiting out outcome of a [national consultation by the Department for Education](#), which has announced provisional increases for early years entitlements funding for Bristol in the coming financial year.

We hope that you were able to attend one of the recent webinars which explained the proposed increases or were able to browse the PowerPoint slides & FAQ which were shared afterwards. As with previous consultations, we have again chosen to press on, rather than further reduce the window of opportunity to gather the thoughts and feedback from our providers about how to allocate funding in the next financial year. Once the rates are announced, we will update the whole sector.

Please click on this link to [read the current operational guidance](#) (last updated in December 2020) which explains the important aspects of the EYNFF (i.e. the national rules on how funding is spent).

Bristol City Council (referred to throughout this consultation as 'The Council') would like to consult with all providers of the free entitlements on our proposed EYNFF for 2023 to 2024. There are 7 main questions, all of which have a Yes/No option and space for adding in comments. There is also a space for general comments at the end of the survey. Please complete **one survey per provision** (i.e. collating staff, management and owner comments) **by Friday 30th December 2022**.

If you need any support completing this consultation or require further information please contact the Early Years Team on 07827 348719 or email askcyps@bristol.gov.uk

Consultation Questions

Provider Registration Information

- 1) Ofsted Registered Name
- 2) Ofsted Registration Number
- 3) Name
of person completing the survey
- 4) Role within organisation

- 5) Type of childcare provision
- Academy Nursery Class
 - Childminder (Independent)
 - Childminder (Agency)
 - Governor Led Provision
 - Independent School Nursery Class
 - Maintained Nursery School
 - Maintained Primary School Nursery Class
 - Local Authority Managed Children’s Centre
 - Private Nursery
 - Voluntary Nursery
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Base Rates

6) The base rate for Eligible 2-year-olds: The proposed hourly rate increase for Bristol for Eligible 2-year-olds is £0.10 in 2023/2024. The Council proposes to pass this on **in full** to providers.

The current base rate for 2022/2023 is £5.77 per hour per child for Eligible 2-year-old

Do you agree? (If NO, please add comments)

Reply options:

- Yes
- No

7) Comments about disagreeing with the proposal for the base rate for Eligible 2 year olds

8) The base rate for 3 and 4-year-olds: The proposed hourly rate increase for Bristol for 3 and 4-year-olds is £0.06 in 2023/2024. The Council proposes to pass this on **in full** to providers.

The current base rate for 2022/2023 is £4.88 per hour per child

Do you agree? (If NO, please add comments)

Reply options:

- Yes
- No

9) Comments about disagreeing with the proposal for the base rate for 3 and 4 year olds

Six additional Eligible 2 year old places per year

10) The Council proposes to continue to retain £0.03 of the funding received from the DfE to create six additional places for 2-year-olds who do not meet the eligibility criteria, however are deemed 'in need' of an early education place. The majority of these children have previously been supported by our Enhanced Provision Scheme (for under 2s).

Do you agree? (If NO, please add comments)

Reply options:

Yes

No

11) Comments about disagreeing with the proposal for the continuation of the six additional Eligible 2 year old places

Frequency of Payments (not applicable to schools or academies)

12) The Council proposes to continue to make early payments available to all providers who complete an estimated headcount through the establishment portal. These are 70% of the total term's funding. After the submission of the termly headcount, the balance is paid. For providers who wish to only submit their actual (and not estimated) headcount, 100% of the total term's funding is paid after the submission of the headcount (approx 7-8 weeks into the term).

Do you agree? (If NO, please add comments)

Reply options:

Yes

No

Not applicable – I'm a school or academy!

13) Comments about disagreeing with the proposal for the frequency of payments

The Supplements: Deprivation and Quality

14) Deprivation supplement (statutory):

Deprivation methodology

1. Using the most recent January census, each child's post code is checked against the most recently published (2019) Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index ([IDACI](#)).

2. All children are then gathered into seven groups (from lowest (0) to highest (6)) according to their IDACI band.
3. Each band is awarded a monetary value which is then multiplied by the number in the band.
4. The total is added together, then divided by the total number of children in all groups (to average the value, otherwise providers with more children would get more), which gives a deprivation supplement (e.g. £0.02 per hour).

The supplement is added to the base rate for all free hours (for all children, not just those from deprived areas) for that provider in the following financial year.

The Council proposes to maintain the use same methodology to assess and allocate funding as in previous years.

Do you agree? (If NO, please add comments)

Reply options:

Yes
No

15) Comments about disagreeing with the proposal for the deprivation supplement

16) Quality supplement (optional): The Council is compliant with the [EYNFF Operational Guidance \(p. 17\)](#) and uses this element of the EYNFF to fund the System Leadership Model to provide high quality support and guidance to all providers across the city.

The Council proposes to maintain the use same System Leadership approach as in previous years.

Do you agree? (If NO, please add comments)

Reply options:

Yes
No

17) Comments about disagreeing with the proposal for the quality supplement

The Early SEN Inclusion Funding (also called EY SEN Panel Funding)

The Early Years SEN Panel provides funding to enable early years providers to enhance their staffing ratios to support children with SEND. The current rates are Standard Rate: £9.50 an hour and Standard Plus Rate (for providers who pay all of their staff the Real Living Wage): £12.00 an hour.

The Council proposes to continue to fund at these rates in 2023/2024.

Do you agree? (If NO, please add comments)

Reply options:

Yes

No

19) Comments about disagreeing with the proposal for the EY SEN Panel Funding

Other entitlements for 3 and 4 year olds

To reassure you about the other funding available, at the time of publishing this consultation, The Council confirms:

- Disability Access Fund remains at £800 per child per year
- Early Years Pupil Premium remains at £0.60 per universal hour per child

If you would like to add any comments or give any feedback not previously mentioned, please do so here:

Comments Box:

Thank you for taking the time to complete this consultation about the EYNFF for 23/24.

Best wishes
The Early Years Team