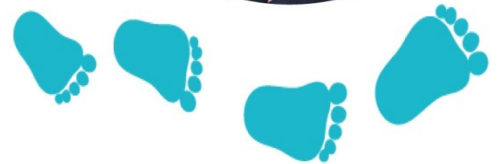




Birmingham Forward Steps e-bulletin



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Service Update

Childcare Plus

Childcare Plus (formally Corporate Childcare)

The way you access corporate Childcare funding has changed. From Thursday 1st March, the new service, **Birmingham Forward Steps**, has been managing the Childcare Funding, at a District Level. The level of funding available for Childcare places has been substantially reduced and has been assigned to districts based on levels of deprivation.

The criteria for allocation of the funding has changed. Childcare Plus Funding is now allocated against the following three criteria:

- Children for whom there are concerns about their physical and emotional wellbeing as a result of the care they receive or the environment in which they live
- Children whose behaviour and/or development give serious cause for concern
- Attendance at Children's Centre is part of a family support plan/package of support.

If you feel the needs of the family match the criteria please submit a referral form. You are encouraged to contact the appropriate Children's Centre Hub before you submit a referral. Your referral will be taken to a weekly Integrated Allocation Meeting to be considered. You will be notified of the outcome and next steps.

News

Birmingham Forward Steps Baby Friendly Initiative

On 30th May 2018 the first Birmingham Forward Steps **Infant Feeding Strategy Meeting** was held at Moseley Hall Hospital. Work has now begun to get the Baby Friendly Initiative implemented with all partners by 'Registering Our Intent' with UNICEF to work together as an integrated service. The Infant Feeding Co-ordinators have presented a new approach:

- Invitations have been sent to the senior team across all partners to attend the first **BFS Baby Friendly Initiative Managers Workshop** on Wednesday 4th July.
- Each district will have its own **BFI Action Plan**. The first meeting to pilot this will be Ladywood/Edgbaston District in June.
- The 10 Antenatal Infant Feeding Workers will be attending their Breastfeeding & Relationship Building (2 Days) sessions from the 28th June.
- Breastfeeding & Relationship Building training will re-commence in the autumn across BFS (We are trying to source venues and will be liaising with managers to arrange this within each division)
 - Day 1 and 2 for Children Centre staff that have contact with families **ONLY**.
 - Day 2 Health Visiting Service can join.
- The Implementation Meetings will recommence after initial strategic meetings have taken place.

Upcoming Events

Birmingham Forward Steps Staff Update

The official invitations have now been sent for the BFS Staff Update on 20 June. Then event will take place at the Saffron Centre, 256 Moseley Road, Highgate, Birmingham B12 0BS.

Please book your place on one of the 3 Sessions (9.30am-11.30am, 12.00-2.00pm or 2.30-4.30pm) with the Early Years Team on 0121 466 6439 or Birmingham Forward Steps email bchnt.bfs@nhs.net

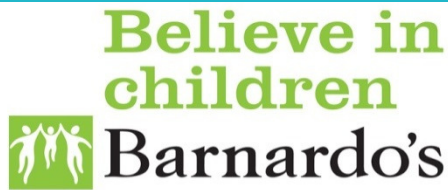
Birmingham Community Stay And Play Network

Please look out for:



Birmingham Community Stay and Play Network
BFS networking event
Thursday 5th July
1.30 – 3.30
Please join us for lunch from 12.30
Springfield Children’s Centre, Springfield Road, Moseley, B13 9NY
This event is for BFS staff to meet with colleagues from PLA and Thrive Together, to understand their role within the new service, and to develop local working relationships. We hope to have representation from all of the Children’s Centres at the event along with representatives from health visiting teams. This will be particularly helpful for EY Managers, Parent and Community Engagement Workers, and Children’s Centre Managers.
Please book your space with Rachel Pattinson: r.pattinson@springfieldproject.org.uk

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