

## **Childcare Setting Provisions**

### **Who can deliver the Childcare Offer?**

The childcare element of the offer may be delivered by any childcare setting anywhere in Wales or bordering areas, so long as they are registered with the Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) or Ofsted in England. To this end, they will be compliant with the National Minimum Standards (NMS) for childcare, be familiar with CIW's Quality Framework and inspected accordingly. Providers in England will be inspected by Ofsted and will be compliant with their standards.

Registered childminders are able to deliver the Childcare Offer for a child who is also a relative, providing that care is delivered outside of the child's home and the childcare provider does not have parental responsibility for the child.

Settings must be registered with the Childcare Offer Flintshire to deliver the Flintshire Offer.

### **Can the childcare offer be delivered by Nannies who are registered with the Welsh Government's Voluntary Approval Scheme?**

Nannies in Wales are not regulated to the same extent as registered childcare providers and therefore cannot be funded to deliver the Offer.

### **Will parents have the option to choose childcare provision outside of county / eligible area?**

Yes, as long as the childcare provider is willing to be part of the offer, (they can do this by getting in touch with the Childcare Offer team Flintshire 01352 703930). As detailed above settings must be registered with the Childcare Offer Flintshire to deliver the Flintshire Offer and they must be registered with CIW (formerly CSSIW) or Ofsted (the inspectorates for childcare settings).

Childcare providers can be outside of your area, your county or even in England if you live on the border. There is no restriction on when you can use the additional childcare hours of the offer but it is up to you to find a childcare provider that suits your family's needs, these can include Breakfast, afternoon and holidays clubs. The Family Information Service Flintshire can help you by providing information on all the childcare settings; 01352 703500.

### **Childcare providers wishing to be involved in the Offer will be expected:**

- to form an agreement with the relevant local authority to deliver the Offer based on the parameters stated, which includes details of the fixed funding rate;
- not to charge parents any hourly top-up fees for the 3 and 4 year olds who are attending under the terms of the Offer;

- to ensure, as far as possible, childcare is provided flexibly in order to help meet the needs of working parents;
- to inform the local authority should a change of circumstances occur, such as if a parent fails to take up the hours funded through the Offer; and adhere to the guidance for charging for additional elements when charging parents accessing the Offer for food and travel.

### **How many settings can a child access in any given day under the childcare offer?**

The childcare offer will allow children to access a maximum of two registered childcare settings in addition to their educational setting in any given day.

To find out how many childcare hours can be claimed, including additional guidance please see: [Childcare Hours](#).

### **Will I have a separate contract with my childcare provider?**

The childcare settings will ask you to sign a contract with them at the time of your registration. This Contract is between a parent and the provider i.e. when signing a contract with a provider, the parent is entering into a legal contract, independent of the local authority.