

## **Cross Border FPN Provision**

### **Foundation Phase Nursery (FPN) Provision across local authority boundaries**

In some cases a child may be accessing their FPN entitlement in a different local authority (LA) area to the one they live in. In this situation, the number of hours of childcare the parent is entitled to would be calculated based on the number of hours of FPN available to them in the LA where they are attending the FPN. For example, if the LA where the child attended their FPN provided 10 hours of FPN the child would then be entitled to 20 hours of childcare. These 20 hours can be used in any setting as long as the setting is registered with CIW or the equivalent in England (Ofsted).

A child accessing FPN in the LA area in which they reside in, would be expected to use their full entitlement to FPN and would not be eligible for additional childcare provision. For instance, if the LA where the child lived provided 12.5 hours of FPN the child would be entitled to 17.5 hours of childcare. If a parent chose not to access all their FPN provision for example only access 10 hours FPN rather than the full 12.5 hours of FPN the child would still only be entitled to 17.5 hours of childcare. These 17.5 hours can be used in any setting as long as the setting is registered with CIW or the equivalent in England (Ofsted).

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Under the Welsh Childcare Offer, parents who live in Wales are permitted to access the childcare element of the Offer across LA and country borders as long as the setting is registered with CIW or the equivalent in England (Ofsted). Whether or not the FPN element of the Offer can be accessed in England will be at the discretion of the Welsh LA funding it.

Parents who live in England will need to apply for the Childcare Offer in England. If they then wish to take up part or all of the Offer in a setting in Wales, the parent/s will need to speak to their LA in England about whether a similar arrangement can be put in place to allow them to use the English Offer to pay for childcare and FPN in Wales.