

Welcome...

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...to this electronic bulletin designed to keep you up-to-date with early years and childcare issues. Compiled and distributed by [Emily Wood](#) (tel 01225 757966) who welcomes all feedback on this communication.

Parent Survey 2018 - Action Required

We are about to embark on updating our Childcare Sufficiency audit and are keen to learn what parents and carers of children aged 0-14 (0-19 for SEND children) think about childcare options in Wiltshire. Please signpost your parents via newsletters, social media channels, your website to complete this anonymous [survey](#). The more responses we receive, the clearer the picture we'll obtain. Thanks!



Survey closes 10 March

Data Protection Law is changing May 2018



In May, the Data Protection Act (DPA) will be replaced by the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The [Information Commissioner's Office has produced practical advice on how to get ready for the data protection reforms](#), including a full guide on the new Regulation and a 12 step checklist to prepare your organisation to meet the new Regulation.

Further DART Training Dates now available

The Digital Assessment and Referral Tool supports professionals to identify the needs of children and recommends potential sources of support to meet them. The system will replace the Single Agency Referral Form shortly and also offers options to create electronic CAFs and MASH referrals. Settings who missed the initial roll out training can access further sessions, outlined below:

- Thursday 1 Feb 3.30-5.30 Churchfields Industrial Estate, Salisbury
- Friday 2 Feb 3.30-5.30 Churchfields Industrial Estate, Salisbury
- Monday 5 Feb 3.30-5.30 County Hall, Trowbridge
- Tuesday 6 Feb 3.30-5.30 County Hall, Trowbridge
- Wednesday 7 Feb 3.30-5.30 County Hall, Trowbridge
- Friday 9 Feb 3.30-5.30 Churchfields Industrial Estate, Salisbury

Places are limited. Please contact DART@wiltshire.gov.uk to reserve.

Raising parent's awareness of the DAF and EYPP



Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) and the Disability Access Fund (DAF) Payable to your childcare provider

Your childcare provider may be able to access additional funding to support your three or four-year-old.

The EYPP is to improve the overall quality of provision. Payable if your circumstances meet nationally set criteria – similar to Free School Meals and the Two-year-old funding.

The DAF is to support disabled children (in receipt of DLA) access their free entitlements. It's a one-off lump sum paid to the provider nominated by the parent.

For more information please talk to your childcare provider (Pre-school, nursery or childminder)

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It is thought that the number of children taking up the Disability Access Fund (DAF) and the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) is not as high as anticipated. A poster to raise parent's awareness of these additional funds has been produced and is now available to [download off our website \(please look under 'Useful Information'\)](#).

Please do encourage parents to complete the relevant sections on the parent declaration form when you claim the Free Entitlement funding for 3 and 4 year olds to enable the funds to be paid to your provision.

(You need to send photocopies of these forms to the Free Entitlement team when you submit your headcount paperwork, so the child's eligibility can be checked and any due payments processed).

[Further information available on our website.](#)



Free Entitlement providers - please remember to complete this year's Early Years Census via the online survey link sent by Jennifer Harvey (on the 12 Jan). Also, if you are claiming extended hours (up to 30 per week) please make sure that you have the children's details logged on the checker and validated for this term. Valid codes are those which end in January or later AND start before the 11 January. Finally - there is now a Summer Term promotional poster for 30 hours available to [download from our website](#) and display.

Virgin Care's Wiltshire Children's Community Services complete move to hubs

Wiltshire Children's Community Services, run by Virgin Care, has completed its move to four new, purpose designed spaces dedicated for both colleagues and children and families in Wiltshire, which delivers a milestone on the organisations plans in implementing its five year roadmap to deliver improvements in patient care.

Services moved from inherited estates when the contract commenced in April 2016 to hub locations in Trowbridge (BA14 0XG), Salisbury (SP4 6AT), Chippenham (SN15 1BN) and Tidworth (SP9 7FH).

These sites will be where patient-centred care is organised and coordinated, while service delivery will be either in universal settings such as schools, children's centres, families own homes or Virgin Care's dedicated clinical space. During the process of the moves, delivery of services remained unaffected.

The development of community hubs as the focus for services across the county delivers on the promises set out by Virgin Care and Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) for a single local Wiltshire service dedicated to children and their families based in the county.

Colleagues who were also delivering services to children and families but located outside of Wiltshire have been co-located into the hubs to ensure they're now based in Wiltshire.

Val Scrase, Head of Operations for Wiltshire Children's Community Services, said: "The estates move ...not only brings care closer to people's homes – some of the services have historically been provided from outside of the boundaries of Wiltshire – but also improves the working environment for our colleagues, replacing aging buildings and infrastructure with brand new, purpose-designed spaces."

Ted Wilson, Community and Joint Commissioning Director of Wiltshire CCG, said: "We are pleased the move to the four community hubs in Wiltshire will enable children's community health staff to provide coordinated, person-centred care, designed around the individual needs of the children and to support them when they need help."

For details for all services and their new location, please visit: <http://wiltshirechildrensservices.co.uk/directory/>.

Virgin Care started running Wiltshire Children's Community Services in April 2016 on behalf of the council and local NHS.



Healthy Start Vouchers for EYPP children

Did you know that children in receipt of the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) on grounds that their parent(s) are in receipt of benefits will also qualify to receive £3.10 a week in [Health Start](#) vouchers? These are to purchase fresh or frozen fruit and vegetables plus cow's milk. They can also get free vitamins. Please pass this useful information onto your parents to ensure they access this



Beat the Bugs—Train the Trainer

**Thurs 8 Feb,
10-1pm in
Chippenham**
This FREE



Train the Trainer course is designed for any establishment where hygiene and microbe awareness is important. It is fun, interactive and informative. This 3 hour course will enable attendees to either train others or use elements of the package to inform and educate others.

Thank you for reading.