**NATIONAL NEWS**

**Damian Hinds appointed Secretary of State for Education:** [https://www.gov.uk/government/news/damian-hinds-appointed-secretary-of-state-for-education](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/damian-hinds-appointed-secretary-of-state-for-education). Nadhim Zahawi will take on Robert Goodwill's brief as children's minister following the government reshuffle. He has been appointed as parliamentary under secretary of state at the Department for Education.

The House of Commons Treasury committee launched a new inquiry last week into childcare and its effects on the economy. The inquiry is looking into the availability and flexibility of childcare and how this affects the labour market. It will also scrutinise the rollout of the childcare schemes and the online portal used by parents to join them. The inquiry have issued a call for evidence to be submitted by Friday 9 February and they are keen to hear about families' experiences. [http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/treasury-committee/news-parliament-2017/childcare-launch-17-19/](http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/treasury-committee/news-parliament-2017/childcare-launch-17-19/)

The DfE publishes the findings from a study of early years provision quality within the larger study of early education and development (SEED) project: [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-provision-quality](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-provision-quality)

The DfE is seeking views on the proposed early years assistant (level 2) criteria and their suitability for qualifications in early education and childcare: [https://consult.education.gov.uk/childcare-providers-and-regulation/improving-level-2-qualifications-for-the-early-edu/](https://consult.education.gov.uk/childcare-providers-and-regulation/improving-level-2-qualifications-for-the-early-edu/)

**Social mobility action plan:** An ambitious plan to provide opportunity on every young person's doorstep and help make Britain a country fit for the future was unveiled on Thursday 14 December by Education Secretary Justine Greening. In a speech at the inaugural Reform social mobility conference, the Education Secretary pointed to the success of government reforms in raising school standards and creating more opportunities. [https://www.gov.uk/government/news/plan-to-boost-social-mobility-through-education](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/plan-to-boost-social-mobility-through-education)


**HMRC Update:** Tax free childcare is now open for applications from parents whose youngest child is 6 years old or younger on Friday 24 November. Over the coming months, HMRC will gradually open the childcare service to parents of older children, while continuing to make further improvements to the system. All eligible parents will be able to apply by the end of March 2018. Parents can register to get a notification of when they can apply for tax free childcare on the Childcare Choices website.


Ofsted have released their annual report looking at schools, early years, further education and skills and children’s social care for the academic year 2016 to 2017: [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ofsted-annual-report-201617-education-childrens-services-and-skills](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ofsted-annual-report-201617-education-childrens-services-and-skills)

Childcare Choices provides parents with a single point of information for all the government funded childcare offers, including the two new offers of 30 hours funded childcare and Tax Free Childcare: [https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/](https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/) Parents can register via this site for Tax Free Childcare and to check eligibility for the 30 hours. If you are presented with a 30 hours eligibility code, log into the headcount Children Services Provider Portal to check a child’s eligibility for 30 hours.

### 30 HOURS FUNDED CHILDCARE

**30 hours parental survey:** We have launched a short parental survey – please encourage your parents to complete it by 31st January 2018 - [https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/survey/30-hour-childcare-survey/](https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/survey/30-hour-childcare-survey/)

**30 hours and Childcare Vouchers reconfirmation error on childcare service:** On reconfirmation, some parents are seeing a message which tells them ‘You won’t be eligible if you’re still using childcare vouchers. You can reconfirm your eligibility when you’ve stopped your childcare vouchers’. This is due to a technical error as parents can of course claim both 30 hours and childcare vouchers. HMRC are working to fix this issue but in the meantime parents who receive this message should call the HMRC helpline on 0300 123 4097 straightaway so that they can be supported to successfully reconfirm.

Please be aware that any child taking up a 30 hours place in the Spring Funding Period 2018 (Jan to March) **must have had their code checked by 11th January 2018 in order for them to be funded by the DfE / claim Extended Hours this funding period.**

**Portal Key:**

- **Eligible from:** This is when the parent either registers for or reconfirms their eligibility.
- **Eligible to:** This is when the parent has to reconfirm their eligibility by.
- **Grace Period End:** This is the date the child will be funded to if a parent falls out of eligibility.

- **Red:** Eligibility has ended (either due to parent / carer no longer eligibility or parent / carer has not reconfirmed their eligibility) and a child is in their Grace Period. Inform parents they need to reconfirm their eligibility with HMRC urgently.
- **Amber:** Eligibility ends within the next 28 days. Date shown in amber on the portal is the date a parent needs to reconfirm their eligibility by with HMRC.
- **Green:** Eligibility ends in more than 28 days. Date shown in green on the portal is the date a parent needs to reconfirm their eligibility by with HMRC.

**HMRC confirm there are ongoing issues relating to parents reconfirming their eligibility codes:** The following are being investigated as a matter of high priority – parents reconfirming but this doesn’t show in their account; parents unable to reconfirm as their applications reverts back to the very start of their application in their account; parents seeing a ‘technical difficulties’ screen when trying to reconfirm; or the reconfirmation section is greyed out in the parent’s account. If a parent has a technical issue with reconfirmation they can ask HMRC to raise an ‘Incident Referral’ to insist that the matter is looked into.
Minister Robert Goodwill announced recently that the 30 hour offer will be extended to foster carers next year:

http://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2017-12-19/debates/A5562BD4-C9BD-4975-B2C5-3FDBB3BBBAB3/ChildcareForFosteredChildren

30 hours' eligibility codes: To take up a place in the 2018 Spring term, parents must have received a code and have their child turn three by 31st December 2017. We have received advice from the DfE that LAs have the discretion to fund 30 hours places for spring term for any parent who has a 30 hours code dated 11th January or earlier.

**What this discretionary period means to LAs and early years providers**

1. We will apply this discretion to all codes (reconfirmations and new 30 hours codes, including temporary codes) dated 11th January or earlier.
2. LAs and early years providers should rely on the date of the code. No additional evidence is required. DfE has picked a cut-off date of 11th January to avoid a burdensome process for LAs, providers and parents. This allows one week for parents to secure a spring-term place with a provider, ahead of the annual census on 18th January 2018.
3. The Department will fund all children in a place for the annual census.

DfE have asked LAs (and providers) to specifically not advertise this to parents. This is important in order to avoid a late surge in applications and risk leaving many parents disappointed if they don’t receive a code by 11th January. Providers must validate a parent/carer’s eligibility code via the Children Services Provider Portal. No funding can be granted for codes which have not been validated by providers. The guidance has been emailed out to all settings and can be accessed via the portal (on the Announcements, Supporting Information and Welcome to the Children Services Provider Portal pages by clicking on the blue HERE link).

**Children entering grace period before the start of a term**: If a parent falls into their grace period before their child has started a 30 hours place, they should not take up their 30 hours place. For example, a family may have applied in September and received a code with an end date of in December, but know that their child is the right age (i.e. will turn 3 by 31st December 2017) to start their place in January. If they then lose their job before 31st December 2017, their circumstances have changed and they would fall out of eligibility at reconfirmation in December and then be in their grace period. The legislation is clear in that they are not able to take up the extended hours, and so wouldn’t be able to start a 30 hours place in January.

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**LOCAL NEWS**

The next Early Years Support Group will take place on Wednesday 17th January between 9.30 – 11.30am at The Shay Stadium: The meeting is open to all owners or managers of EY provision within Calderdale. Please confirm your attendance (or send apologies) to gill.holden@calderdale.gov.uk along with any proposed agenda items. So far on the agenda we have:-

- 30 Hours update.
- DCATCH / Local offer update.
- Updates from LA EY teams.

**PVI Early Years Schools Forum Representative:** Alexandra Skvortsov of Greetland Private Day Nursery is the Schools Forum Representative for early years providers from the private, voluntary and independent (PVI) sector. If you wish to communicate with Alexandra regarding the funding for the free funded entitlement for early education, her contact details are as follows:

Alexandra Skvortsov, Greetland Private Day Nursery, The Old School, Green Lane, Greetland, Halifax, HX4 8DB. Tel: 01422 370888 or via www.greetlandpdn.co.uk
EARLY YEARS & CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY TEAM (EYCST) AND FINANCE TEAM UPDATES

Early Years Census: Please note that we will have emailed out the annual Census Data Collection form this week and this must be returned by Friday 26th January 2018.

January - March Funding Period 2018 (Spring Term) Actual Task: The Actual Task will open on Monday 22nd January 2018 and will close on Friday 9th February 2018.

Early Intervention Childcare Funding: Timesheets older than three months will not be accepted for payment. Please ensure that your electronic timesheets are submitted to the EYCST via fis@calderdale.gov.uk, no later than the end of the month, in order for your payment to be processed promptly. You must inform the EYCST of any EICF funded children who no longer attend your setting / cease attending for any reason.

DAF Applications: Settings are now required to apply for using the Headcount Portal. The guidance is on the Council’s website (https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/education-and-learning/childcare/childcare-providers-support/early-education-funding-eef) or by clicking on HERE on the portal.

Revised funding payment proposal: Before Christmas we asked providers their feedback on a proposal to take effect from April 2018 (i.e. for the Forecast Task for Summer Term 2018). The majority of respondents agreed with our proposal to move to paying 100% of the Early Education Funding (including any Quality Supplement) in the initial Forecast payment to be followed by the balancing Actual Task payment later in the term. This balancing payment would consist of any amendments to your claim for children who have joined, left or changed their hours as well as any further supplements. We will therefore be adopting the new system with effect from the Summer Term 2018 forecast payments.

There is a significant and increasing pressure on the LA at the Actual Task stage, typically consisting of apportionments, claims for ineligible children and children moving settings after the initial headcount task. We are therefore considering opening the Actual Task for a week longer and making the final balancing payments no later than two weeks before the end of the funding period. We are aware that in the Summer funding period this would be mid August so in reality, we would be making these payments in early-mid July where possible. All dates for Headcount Tasks will be communicated via the Portal and the E-Bulletin.

Please find below details of the funding rates for 2017/18:

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The government has introduced two new measures for 2017-18 to support children with disabilities or SEN:

1) From April 2017, the government will introduce the new targeted early years Disability Access Fund (DAF) to enable a fixed lump sum payment of £615 per eligible child per year to be paid to early years settings that are providing a free entitlement place for three- and four-year olds. DAF aids access to early years places by, for example, supporting providers in making reasonable adjustments to their
settings and/or helping with building capacity (be that for the child in question or for the benefit of children as a whole attending the setting);

2) The government requires all local authorities to establish SEN inclusion funds for three- and four-year olds in their local funding systems from April 2017. Currently, Calderdale allocates funding to support an inclusion fund that is managed as part of Disabled Children’s Access to Childcare (DCATCH).

From 1st April 2017, settings will be required to claim DAF by applying on the headcount portal for any eligible children as soon they become aware of a possible claim. You should retain a copy of the child’s eligibility (usually a DLA Award letter as this will need to be attached to the application on the portal). We will also need to confirm that you have evidence that a parent has indicated your setting to receive this funding. We are working with Capita, our software supplier, to develop an automated claim process.

2YOE Children Without Eligibility Checks: Please be aware that any 2YOE funding children, who have not had a check carried out regarding eligibility, will be removed from any headcount and EYCST will not be contacting providers to inform them that a child has been removed due to no check being carried out. Settings are reminded that funding is not backdated and will only start from the date the child’s eligibility is checked (within a term they are eligible from).

EARLY YEARS & CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY TEAM (EYCST) Contact Details: Our address from Thursday 26th October 2017 will be 3rd Floor, Westgate House, Halifax, HX1 1PS. Contact Details for the EYCST are as follows:

In relation to all enquiries/queries/information on the headcount process, changes to funding arrangements, checking eligibility for 2YOE, Provider Agreements etc:

- eef@calderdale.gov.uk
  01422 392695 / 392576 / 392573.

In relation to all enquiries/queries/information on local childcare, brokerage, Early Intervention Childcare Funding (EICF) timesheets etc:

- fis@calderdale.gov.uk
  01422 392675 / 392573 / 392695 / 392524.

Find us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/calderdaleearlyyears/

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TEAM (WDT) UPDATES

Bookings now being taken for the annual Early Years Event 2018 ‘Little Hands – Big Thinkers’ on Saturday 10th February 2018: This year’s event explores supporting children’s personal, social and emotional development, three key areas that are so important to foundational development and wellbeing. This year we are excited to introduce Pete Moorhouse, Artist educator Honorary Research Fellow at the University of Bristol and currently researching Creativity and Critical thinking in Early Years Education – key to developing resilience. Pete is engaging and thought provoking and will empower you with his keynote on developing critical and creative thinking in young children through working with wood. Woodwork is a very special activity to introduce to young children and has the potential to make a profound impression. Deep levels of engagement and intense concentration are common, it offers challenge and supports the development of resilience and sense of well-being. Pete will also be offering you a practical session for you to explore at first-hand how to introduce safe woodwork activities into your curricula – all resources included! As usual there will be a range of displays and stalls for you to browse and share good practice, Calderdale updates, a presentation on Personal, Social and Emotional wellbeing and your themed complimentary event bag. We also have an exciting change of venue this year, details on flyer attached. Please use the booking form available from Workforce Development.

Access the full WFD programme via this link: https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/education-and-learning/childcare/childcare-providers-support/early-years-foundation-stage

Any queries regarding training: workforcedevelopment@calderdale.gov.uk (please label email – early years training query). Telephone: 01422 288317 or Fax: 01422 288306.
**QUALITY IMPROVEMENT & SUPPORT TEAM (QISOS) UPDATES**

**Ofsted inspections in Calderdale:** In the three months from 1/01/17 to 31/12/17 there were 12 Early Years and Childcare Ofsted inspections published for Calderdale. 7 of the inspections were group provider inspections and 5 were childminder inspections. Congratulations to the 9 childcare providers who achieved Good or Outstanding. We have offered support to the providers who were graded Requires Improvement or Inadequate. We have summarised some information from the 12 recent inspections so that you can use the experiences of others to prepare you for your next inspection.

**Common actions and recommendations have been around:**
- safety and supervision on outings
- working with parents, professional development,
- teaching skills,
- keeping up to date with child protection procedures
- ensuring that assessments of children's learning are robust,
- using information more effectively to identify and plan for any gaps in children's learning.

**Common strengths have been around:**
- safeguarding,
- assessments and planning for next steps,
- parental partnerships,
- partnerships with other providers.

To access inspection reports in full go to the Ofsted website www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted and click on ‘find inspection reports’.

To view a good practice video clip from Ofsted go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=IwbeNvTXJuw or you can subscribe to Ofsted News on www.youtube.

**Childminder Ratios:** There has been some confusion and debate in the Childminder World about the new guidance for childminders who care for 3 year old children before and after school, and during the school holidays - who attend a Maintained School Nursery full time, as part of the 30 hour funding initiative. The following information was recently produced by Nursery World Magazine on 20th September 2017;

"The Department for Education (DfE) has confirmed to PACEY that childminders delivering wraparound care for a three- or four-year-old taking up their 30-hour place at a maintained school, academy or independent school may be able to invoke the exception to the usual staff to adult ratio of 1:3 for under-fives, as stated in the EYFS.

According to the DfE, childminders may be able to care for more than three children under the age of five if:
- they are able to demonstrate to parents and/or carers and Ofsted (or their childminder agency) that the individual needs of all children are being met;
- they only care for the child before or after the normal two session school day or in the holidays;
- the total number of children under the age of eight does not exceed six at any time for each childminder;
- any care provided for older children must not adversely affect the care of children receiving early years provision".

The EYFS (2017) determines childminder ratios as follows: (EYFS 2017 3.41)

*At any one time, childminders (whether providing the childcare on domestic or non-domestic premises) may care for a maximum of six children under the age of eight.*

*(46:) Including the childminders own children or any other children for whom they are responsible such as those being fostered.

*Of these six children, a maximum of three may be young children, and there should only be one child under the age of one.* A child is a young child up until 1st September following his or her fifth birthday. Any care provided for older children must not adversely affect the care of children receiving early years provision. *(EYFS 2017 3.42)*
If a childminder can demonstrate to parents and/or carers and Ofsted inspectors or their childminder agency that the individual needs of all the children are being met, exceptions to the usual ratios can be made, for example, when childminders are caring for sibling babies, or when caring for their own baby, or to maintain continuity of care. If children aged four and five only attend the childminding setting before and/or after a normal school day, and/or during school holidays they may be cared for at the same time as three other young children. But in all circumstances, the total number of children under the age of eight being cared for must not exceed six.

**Continuity of Care** exists to enable childminders to be flexible for the families that they already care for, for example if a family needed occasional different hours to the ones that they are contracted to. In this circumstance a childminder must be able to demonstrate to parents/carers and Ofsted that they have risk assessed the situation, that the exception to the ratio will not impact the safety or care of the other children in their care, and that all other parents are aware of the situation and are happy with the arrangements. Continuity of Care doesn’t exist to enable childminders to take on new children on a regular basis if this means that they will be breaching the required ratios. In all circumstances if you are considering employing the Continuity of Care rule then we would recommend that you first speak to Ofsted to ensure that you are not breaching the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage Guidance 2017.

**Invitation to all Men in Early Years to attend the next ‘Calderdale Men in Early Years’ Network at The Shay Stadium on Tuesday 13th February 2018 between 6:30pm - 8:30pm:** The Quality Improvement Support team have recently launched our Men in Early Years Network. We held our first meeting at the Shay on 21st November, which proved to be very engaging and interesting, highlighting a number of common issues and barriers experienced by the attendees. Facilitated by the Quality Improvement & Support Team, the network meetings will provide an opportunity for Men working in Early Years to come together to network, discuss current and emerging issues, provide peer support and share ideas. This network meeting will include discussions on;

- Promoting gender equality within the sector.
- Exploring issues around care routines and professional love.
- Complete Case Studies and how we can promote early years as a career option for men.

This is a key area of the government’s workforce strategy for the sector to become more gender balanced. To book your place please email QISO@calderdale.gov.uk or if you would like further information contact Claire Mountain on 01422 394109 or email Claire.mountain@calderdale.gov.uk. Please pass this on to any male practitioner who you think would be interested in attending, we are happy to welcome men who are working in any aspect of Early Years including practitioners, teachers, family support workers etc. For future meetings we aim to invite guest speakers so your input at these meetings will shape the future of the Network’s focus. There are a number of well established Men in Early Years Networks across the country, if you would like signposting to more information about these please let us know.

**Early Years Workforce Strategy update:** The Early Years and Childcare Team, along with our partner organisations, including local colleges, universities and training providers, are working on Calderdale’s Early Years Workforce Strategy which is aligned with the Strategy launched by the DfE in March 17: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-workforce-strategy. One of the aims of the Calderdale EY Workforce Strategy is to look at strategies to recruit higher numbers of people into the sector. Including, attracting a more diverse workforce for example increasing the number of male practitioners. Therefore, over the coming months we will be asking for your support through a number of ways, for example helping us by completing consultations and supporting our strategies to attract more people into the Early Years workforce. Currently the steering group are looking for a variety of case studies from practitioners to showcase the varied and diverse roles within the Early Years workforce. Case studies should include the reasons why and how you came into the sector/profession and information to showcase the career routes available for potential practitioners e.g. your journeys within your careers and why you love the job you do. These case studies will be used in various promotional materials and some of these may be made into written case studies and short films (with actors) to promote our wonderful sector. If you are able to support with this please contact QISO@calderdale.gov.uk or tracy.mcaspurn@calderdale.gov.uk or Claire.mountain@calderdale.gov.uk.

Over the next few months the QISO will be busy supporting the sector with Quality Teaching Learning and
Assessment Audits – come to our launch event on January 24th to hear from the settings who have participated in the pilot of this very useful audit.

Keep up to date with our regular social media posts on Face book, Twitter and Linkedin. Our weekly posts offer handy tips and useful links for continuous professional development.

We also offer pre-inspection support to all childcare providers. The type of support required depends upon the circumstances, for example: we may offer visits with your Quality Improvement Support Officer, the use of quality improvement tools or telephone and e mail support. Your Quality Improvement Support Officer can also support you during your Ofsted inspection feedback. Managers and Owners have told us that they have found it useful to have someone from the Local Authority there to demonstrate working in partnership and to talk about developments during the past few years. In order that we can organise our attendance at Ofsted feedback please telephone the Quality Improvement Team office as soon as you are aware you are having an Ofsted inspection.

While the QISO Team strive to ensure that we have someone available during the office hours of 9am – 5pm to take your calls, due to the nature of the QISO role it is not always possible to do this. Therefore, if you ring the QISO office and there is no answer, you can contact any QISO through the team e mail: QISO@calderdale.gov.uk. You can also contact your QISO by firstname.surname@calderdale.gov.uk or you can ring their mobile number – see list below. If you have an urgent query, please leave a message on the office answerphone or use the team e mail so that someone can assist you with your query.

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**PORTAGE & EARLY YEARS SUPPORT TEACHERS (PEYST) UPDATES**

**SENCO Network Future Dates:** Saturday 3rd February 2018 9.30 am – 12.30 pm St Georges House. To book please email jill.greenwood@calderdale.gov.uk or call 01422 394165.

**The PEYST Dedicated Email Address:** General enquiries for the Team can now be directed in the first instance to peyst@calderdale.gov.uk.
Safeguarding Updates

Calderdale SCB Newsletter: To receive a copy of the Calderdale SCB newsletter email Allison.waddell@calderdale.gov.uk and ask to be put on the mailing list.

CSCB Multi-Agency Learning Opportunities: Please see Calderdale Safeguarding Children Board website for more information forthcoming learning opportunities.

Safeguarding Referrals: The Multi-Agency Screening Team (MAST) team of child protection professionals including: Police, Children’s Social Care and Health. MAST is a triage service for all safeguarding concerns and will give advice on the correct procedures for individual cases. You will need to update your policies and procedures to reflect these changes.

POST: Adult and Childrens Services
Multi-agency Screening Team (MAST)
Halifax Police Station, Richmond Close, Halifax, HX1 5TW
TELEPHONE: 01422 393336
FAX: 01422 392875
SECURE EMAIL: (from secure emails only): MAST@calderdale.gcsx.gov.uk

The team consists of representatives from Children’s Social Care, Police, Health and the EISA Co-ordinator. All referrals into Children’s Social Care are received and screened by the MAST team within 24 hours. Further information is gathered in relation to referrals by screening social workers, and referrals identified at level 4 or 5 on the Continuum of Need are discussed in a daily Multi Agency Meeting or strategy discussion as part of the decision making process. Referrals not reaching this threshold may be returned to the referrer with advice for further action, signposted for other services and support, including a locality Early Intervention panel. The MAST team also offers advice on whether to make a referral or register a Single Assessment. Those cases requiring further social worker assessment and intervention will be transferred to Children’s Assessment Team who can be contacted on 01422 393340.

The Emergency Duty Team’s (EDT) contact number is 01422 288000.

The Local Authority’s designated Officer (LADO) is Cheryl Baxter: Please direct any LADO referrals or concerns to the following:
Telephone number: 01422 394088
Mobile: 07769 886090
Email: cheryl.baxter@calderdale.gov.uk
Secure email: cheryl.baxter@calderdale.gcsx.gov.uk

Prevent Duty Contacts: LA Contact for PREVENT - Arelys Gomez-Reve on 07702 656834 or by email: Arelys.Gomez-Reve@calderdale.gov.uk (or the police via 101 should the PREVENT Co-ordinator not be available).

Safeguarding – Police contacts:
Ed Chesters – Safeguarding and Partnerships
Det Insp Allan Raw (Childrens’ Safeguarding)
Det Insp Dave Shaw (Adult Safeguarding)
Sergeants are: DS Helen Madden (CSE), DS Mick Richmond, DS Jayne Maiden, Temp DS John Moore (all 3 are the daily reactive teams), DS Sally Fletcher (Domestic Abuse)
And Finally…..

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Contact / Telephone Numbers

Early Years & Childcare Sufficiency Team (EYCST)

- Nikki Wood  39 2694
- Tracy Hilton  39 2695
- Josephine Clay  39 2576
- Lisa Graham  39 2573
- Leanne White  39 2524

3rd Floor, Westgate House

Quality Improvement & Support Officers (QISO’s)

- Gill Holden  39 4193  07824 474471
- Brittany Cuders  39 4109
- Amanda Cioch (26 hrs)  39 4150  07824 311147
- Amanda Cryer (37 hrs – 5 days)  39 5012
- Claire Mountain (37 hrs – 4 days)  39 4162  07717 733212
- Donna Pendergast (37 hrs – 5 days)  39 4188  07824 416510
- Emma Wood (30 hrs – M to Th)  39 5010  07824 444364
- Kathy Norris (26 hrs - M, W to F)  39 4182  07734 460159
- Michelle Fee (20 hrs – M, T & W)  39 4076  07824 461246
- Tracy McAspurn (37 hrs – 5 days)  39 4070  07823 537249

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Useful Helpline Numbers

- Ofsted Helpline  0300 123 1231
- HMRC (Public)  0345 300 3900
- Bradford FIS  01274 437503
- Kirklees FIS  01484 414887

Calderdale MBC Helpline Numbers

- General Enquiries  01422 288001
- Council Tax & Benefits  01422 288003
- Free School Meals  01422 393983
- Schools Admissions  01422 392617
- Awards Section  01422 392522
- Street Care  01422 288002
- Bus Passes  01422 392749
- Emergency Out of Hours  01422 288000

Business Support Team

- Martyn Sharples  39 2719
- Rachael Burdin  39 2581

3rd Floor, Westgate House

Senior Management

- Michelle Attmere  39 2827
- Lauren Lobley  39 2827

Princess Buildings

Workforce Development Team

- Alison Firth  28 8317
- Mandy Fairbank  28 8374
- Jayne Stead  28 8375
- Nicky Everett  28 8357

Portage & Early Years Support Teachers (PEYST)

Carlton Mill, Sowerby Bridge

- Julia Lumb, Senior PEYST  39 2565
- Tasneem Khan / Brittany Cuders, Admin Support  39 2579 / 39 4165
- Jill Greenwood, DCATCH Co-ordinator  39 4165 / 07825 357693

Home Portage Officers

- Fiona Dransfield  39 2514
- Helen Alsancak  39 2172
- Amanda Jackson  39 2575
- Michelle Eyre  39 2173
- Jessica Martin  39 2514
- Abi Bouckley  39 2514

Early Years Support Teachers

- Amanda Murphy  39 2586
- Lynn Townend  39 2508
- Sue Brander  39 2582
- Kate Kissack  39 2582
- Jo Platt  39 2508

Calderdale Safeguarding Children’s Board (CSCB): The website for the CSCB can be found at www.calderdale-scb.org.uk. The contact numbers for reporting safeguarding concerns are:

- Multi Agency Screening Team (MAST):  01422 393336
- Emergency Duty Team (for Out of Hours):  01422 288000
- Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO), Cheryl Baxter:  01422 394088 / 07769 886090
- Police Safeguarding Unit:  01422 337041
- Prevent, Arellys Gomez-Reve:  07702 656834
In an emergency dial 999

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