

## Northumberland Funded Education Provider Pathway SHEET B (Early Years Funded Free Entitlement 2, 3 & 4 years)

### 1 - Provider with GOOD or OUTSTANDING Ofsted outcome within previous year

Essential Safeguarding Criteria Review not undertaken at this stage as setting has been inspected by Ofsted within twelve months.

**EYSO** checks with Locality Team for any outstanding concerns.

**No known concerns** - provider agreement and bank details form sent to applicant for completion.

Completed forms returned to **EYSO**, provider added to Approved Provider List and informed of Annual Safeguarding Audit.

If any **known concerns** discuss with Locality Team. If required the Locality Team will arrange to visit and if action is required will follow the actions set out in the next column (Column 2)

**Providers graded Inadequate by Ofsted cannot provide Funded Early Years Education.**

**Providers graded Satisfactory or Requires Improvement are not eligible to provide 2yr old Funded Early Years Education**

### 2 - Provider with GOOD or OUTSTANDING Ofsted outcome NOT within previous year

Essential Safeguarding Criteria Review undertaken by Locality Development Worker (see list on previous page)

Safeguarding criteria met – **Yes/No**

**If Yes/MET** - provider agreement and bank details form sent to applicant for completion. Completed forms returned to EYSO, provider added to Approved Provider List and reminded of Annual Safeguarding Audit.

**If No/UNMET** - Locality Development Worker arranges visit and carries out a Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements review. Any actions identified during review added to an action plan/FIP along with timescale for completion.

**Follow up visit** if criteria is now met, follow Yes/MET above and follow up Action Plan/FIP at Annual Audit.

**If still not met** applicant can withdraw or defer their application and re-contact us when ready to proceed. If applicant does not wish to withdraw or defer their application, it will be passed to Early Years Management for a final decision.

**Providers may continue to offer Funded Education so long as a good or outstanding inspection outcome is maintained.**

### 3 - Provider with SATISFACTORY or Requires Improvement Ofsted outcome

In-depth Essential Safeguarding Criteria Review or Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements SSEV undertaken by Locality Development Worker

Safeguarding criteria met **Yes/No**

Actions/recommendations from Ofsted report addressed **Yes/No**

**If Yes** - provider agreement and bank details form sent to applicant for completion. Completed forms returned to EYSO, provider added to Approved Provider List and reminded of Annual Safeguarding Audit and need for a setting improvement/action plan

**If No** – Actions identified during review added to Action Plan/FIP along with timescale for completion.

**Follow up visit** if criteria is now met, follow Yes/MET above and follow up Action Plan/FIP at Annual Audit.

**If still not met** applicant can withdraw or defer and contact again when ready to proceed. If applicant does not wish to withdraw or defer their application this will be passed to Early Years Management for a final decision.

Continued support and SLA discussed with applicant.

**For ESSENTIAL SAFEGUARDING CRITERIA see sheet A**

### 4 - Provider without an inspection grade (new providers and providers with no children on role)

Essential Safeguarding Criteria Review undertaken by Locality Development Worker (see list on previous page)

Safeguarding criteria met – **Yes/No**

**If Yes/MET** - provider agreement and bank details form sent to applicant for completion. Completed forms returned to EYSO and provider added to Approved Provider List and provider reminded of Annual Safeguarding Audit and Ofsted inspection.

**Arrange 6 month review** visit to support new providers, review progress including a review of Learning and Development (OAP and statutory checks, tracking children's progress)

**If No** – Actions identified during review added to Action Plan/FIP along with timescale for completion.

**Follow up visit** if criteria is now met, follow Yes/MET above and follow up Action Plan/FIP at Annual Audit.

**If still not met** applicant can withdraw or defer and contact again when ready to proceed. If applicant does not wish to withdraw or defer their application this is passed to Early Years Consultant and Sustainability Officer for final decision.

Continued support and SLA discussed with applicant.