

# **Childcare Matters**

## **Lincolnshire Update**

# UNIVERSAL ENTITLEMENT FOR 3&4 YEAR OLDS: TAKE-UP IS HIGH

- 96% of four year olds
- 94% of three year olds

Benefitted from funded childcare or early education  
in Lincolnshire

*National Statistics, DfE (June 2018)*

# 30 HOURS: TAKE UP IS GROWING

- 3214 children taking up a place (autumn 2017)
- 3679 children taking up a place (autumn 2018)
- 4,816 (children taking up a place (spring 2019)

# TWO YEAR OLDS: TAKE UP IS GROWING

- Spring 2018: 74%
- Summer 2018: 76%
- Autumn 2018: 79%
- Spring 2019: 80%

On-going concerns regarding the way this is funded by the DfE – in January 2019 take-up was 64% (timing is everything... please encourage families into places in January each year to maximise funding allocations)

# PARENT SURVEY IN LINCOLNSHIRE...

- The survey was available on-line between 4<sup>th</sup> June and 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018
- The survey was completed by 1,033 respondents
- 93% of parents reported being satisfied with the quality of childcare
- 83% of parents using childcare did so because they work
- 53% of parents said they pay for extra hours in addition to EYE
- 38% of parents not using childcare cite cost as the barrier

# QUALITY

- 83% providers judged as good and 13% providers judged as outstanding, this is an improving trend.
- At the end of the EYFS Profile, assessments show that the gender gap is narrowing.
- Lincolnshire has a good level of qualified staff level 3 and above
- Recruitment of new practitioners is still challenging in some parts of the county.

# Social Mobility

- Lincolnshire has been selected to participate in the professional development fund project
- Focus communication language and literacy
- Lincolnshire has been asked to develop 4 Hubs
- Each working with between 10-15 EY providers
- Funding over two years
- Training of 4 Champions per hub
- Delivery to begin from September 2019
- Backfill for staff attending training funded by DfE