

Risk Register

Risk	Response
<p>PVI settings may feel unable to provide places for children with complex SEND</p>	<p>Training and support will continue to be provided by Early Childhood Services and the Specialist Family School Service.</p> <p>Early Childhood Services will continue to provide a SENCO role for PVI settings and will continue to facilitate local SENCO networks to support inclusive practice.</p> <p>Access to specialist equipment, assessments and training (manual handling in the main), will continue to be provided if Committee approves these proposals.</p> <p>PVI settings are encouraged to apply for the Disability Access Fund for 3 and 4 year olds claiming Disability Living Allowance. Across Nottinghamshire there are 297 children who are eligible to claim the Disability Access Fund, however only 65 children have claimed since it was launched in April 2017. This additional funding is to enable PVI providers to offer appropriate support, additional staffing, costs towards training etc.</p> <p>Where a child has an Education Health Care (EHC) Plan some of the provision specified may be procured by the child's parent or the young person using a Personal Budget, including by a direct payment. Where a direct payment is to be used to deliver provision on the premises of the early years provider, the Local Authority must seek the agreement of the provider for this arrangement through a formal written notice.</p> <p>A child's parent has the right to request a particular maintained nursery school to be named in their EHC Plan. The Local Authority has a duty to consult the early years setting about admitting the child and to name it in the EHC Plan unless it would be unsuitable for the age, ability, aptitude or SEN of the child, or attendance of the child there would be incompatible with the efficient education of others or the efficient use of resources.</p>
<p>Parents may face reduced choice of childcare provision limiting their access to school led provision only, as children in school settings are able to claim High Needs Funding which is not available for children in PVI settings.</p>	<p>It is anticipated that the current High Level Needs funding review will help to provide a consistent approach to supporting children with complex SEND requirements whether they access a school or PVI setting.</p> <p>The Nottinghamshire Families Information Service will continue to be promoted to parents as the key information source to help find childcare. Early Years settings that are equipped to take children with complex SEND needs are often highlighted in the Families Information Service list of childcare providers.</p>

<p>Parents could face barriers to employment and training.</p> <p>Parents of children with SEND may be required to pay for additional costs if their children are not eligible.</p>	<p>Parents are encouraged and supported to access a range of support to enable them to access additional support with childcare costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low income parents can access Tax Free Childcare. • Children aged 3 or 4 years claiming Disability Living Allowance are entitled to an annual payment from the Disability Access Fund. • Working parents accessing Working Tax Credit are supported with 70% of childcare costs up to a maximum of £175 per week for 1 child or £300 per week for 2 or more children. Families receiving housing or council tax benefit get extra help, amounting to about 96% of costs in England. • Working parents claiming Universal Credit are supported with 85% of their childcare costs with the same maximum levels as Working Tax Credit (although no extra help is available for those in receipt of housing benefit). • The Childcare Grant is available for parents in full time higher education who are entitled to student finance – they are eligible for £155 per week for 1 child and £266 per week for 2 or more children. • Parents under the age of 20 are eligible to access Care to Learn funding if they are in education or training (£160 per week).
<p>Demand for home based packages of support (as described above) will increase, putting added pressure on this budget.</p>	<p>DCATCH Home Care packages could be prioritised to children who will no longer be eligible for the new Early Years SEND Inclusion Fund e.g. under 2's and school aged children.</p>
<p>Reputational damage as the local authority may receive complaints from parents and some early years providers.</p>	<p>A communications plan will be implemented once decisions have been made about the Early Years SEND Inclusion Fund. This will include proactive information with the PVI sector, those providing wrap around childcare for school aged children, as well as parents affected by these changes using routes such as Parent Partnership.</p>
<p>Children living out of county may not be able to access a similar fund from their local authority placing additional risks for PVI settings.</p>	<p>Work with neighbouring authorities through early years regional networks will enable all local authorities to signpost PVI settings to the most appropriate local authority to claim Inclusion Funding.</p>