

## **Early Years Budget Grant (EYBG)**

### **Key Messages**

Forum members are asked to note the **£419,022** additional funding payable to Sheffield early years providers to support with the costs of the September 2024 teacher pay award.

### **1. Introduction/background**

- 1.1. It was announced on 29 July 2024 that £34 million will be paid to local authorities (LAs) to support early year providers with the costs of the September 2024 teacher pay award. The additional funding is called the Early Years Budget Grant.
- 1.2. The Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) confirmed the is funding payable to Sheffield on 9 October 2024 and we will receive £419,022.
- 1.3. The additional funding is payable to all providers that offer 3- and 4-year-old universal and Extended Free Entitlement Funded Early Learning participation hours during the period 1 September 2024 to 31 March 2025.
- 1.4. Sheffield agreed to distribute the funding to all early years providers in recognition of the rising workforce cost pressures they face. The additional funding will follow the same process as that of the Early Years Teachers Pay Additional Grants (EYTPAG) which was paid to providers in 2023/24 following a consultation with the sector.

### **2. Funding Rates for EYBG**

- 2.1. The hourly funding rate is payable for all 3- and 4-year-old universal and EFE FEL hours at the rate of £0.11 per pupil hour to all 3- and 4-year-old FEL providers and the rate of £0.50 per pupil hour for the two maintained nursery schools (MNS) in Sheffield\*.
- 2.2. EY providers will be paid for the increased hourly funding rate based on actual participation hours from 1st September 2024 to 31st March 2025.
- 2.3. EY providers will be paid in the Autumn Amendment Headcount Task on 13<sup>th</sup> December 24. This will cover actual participation hours for the period 1st September 2024 to December 2024.
- 2.4. EY providers will be paid at an increased hourly funding rate from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 to include the increase for EYBG.

\*Sheffield's MNS are Broomhall Nursery and Grace Owen Nursery.

- 2.5. There are no further details on this grant funding beyond 31 March 2025 - a further update will be provided at February forum,

### **3. Recommendations**

Forum members are asked to note the increased funding rates payable to Sheffield early years providers during September to March 2025.