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| DIRECTORS' REPORT SPRING TERM 2015 | ITEM NO 12 | FOR INFORMATION/ | ATTENTION OF: All governors |
| TITLE | Children's Centres and Two Year Old Children's Nursery Provision | | |
| SUMMARY | <p>In 2015 Ealing will be working to develop an integrated service for children up to five years, bringing together health visiting, family support, outreach and specialist services for young children and their families into the Early Start Ealing service.</p> <p>Jubilee Children's Centre will be relocated during the rebuilding of St Johns Primary School from 2015.</p> <p>Ealing is now providing over 1000 nursery places to eligible two year old children with 1000 places needed to meet the DfE target of 2079.</p> | | |
| KEY ACTION POINTS | | | |
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Between April and September 2014, 84% of families with children under five have accessed Ealing's network of 27 children's centres.

This high level of engagement of families with Ealing's children's centres and early years provision is one of the contributors to the improved good level of development of children in reception (63%) and a narrowing of the attainment gap (30.7% - borough averages 2014). Ealing is above the national and London average for children with English as an additional language (49% England, 56% London, 58% Ealing) and children in receipt of free school meals (42% England, 50% London, 53% Ealing).

Through working jointly with public health, Ealing early years have rolled out 'Eat Better Start Better' (Let's Get Cooking) training to children's centres and private, voluntary and independent sector nurseries in 2014/15. This is a key part of Ealing's strategy to reduce obesity and promote healthy eating. This is complemented by the British Heart Foundations training – 'Early Movers', prompting physical activity for under fives.

Ealing's Children's Centre Localities and Lead Children's Centres

The alignment of Ealing's children's centres into seven localities with a lead centre (hub) in each area has further developed the range and co-ordination of services for families within each locality, strengthening governance through locality advisory boards and increasing opportunities for peer learning and building on best practice. Details can be found in the table below.

| | Main Sure Start Children's Centre | Linked centres |
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| 1 | Acton Locality: South Acton Children's Centre Head of Centre: Beverley Kellett (head@southactoncc.com) | Acton Park Children's Centre Maples Children's Centre John Perryn Children's Centre |
| 2 | Central Ealing Locality: Log Cabin Children's Centre Head of Centre: Amanda Foley FoleyA@ealing.gov.uk | Grange Children's Centre Jubilee Children's Centre Hathaway Copley Close Children's Centre North Ealing Children's Centre |
| 3 | South Southall Locality: Greenfields Children's Centre Head of Centre: Ellie Larkin head@greenfieldschildren.com | Havelock Children's Centre |
| 4 | North Southall and Hanwell Locality Grove House Children's Centre Head of Centre Himisha Patel head@grovehouseecc.com | Southall Park Children's Centre Dormers Wells Children's Centres Windmill Park Children's Centre Hanwell Children's Centre |
| 5 | South Northolt and Greenford Locality Academy Gardens Children's Centre Head of Centre Claire Fry CFry@ealing.gov.uk | Limetrees Children's Centre Windmill Children's Centre |
| 6 | Northolt Locality Islip Manor Head of Centre Michelle Dorrington MDorrington@ealing.gov.uk | Northolt Park Children's Centre Petts Hill Children's Centre |
| 7 | North Greenford, Perivale and Hanger Lane Locality Perivale Children's Centre Head of Centre (Contact Clare Welsby CC Strategic Manager cwelsby@ealing.gov.uk | Wood End Children's Centre Horsenden Children's Centre West Twyford Children's Centre |

Funded Nursery Places for Eligible Two Year Old Children

Research evidence is clear that high quality early education is critical to the success of the two year old entitlement and the local authority (LA) is interested in supporting providers with a proven track record of delivering high quality childcare and the EYFS to develop new two year old places. Any new provision will be required to meet quality assurance criteria to be able to deliver these places and be able to support these children with their transition to three and four year old funding in school.

The Government has introduced a legal requirement to secure free provision, through regulations under section 6 of the Childcare Act (2006). This requires that eligible two year olds will be entitled to 570 hours of free early education over the course of the year.

Eligible children are to be those living in households which meet the following criteria:

- They meet the eligibility criteria also used for free school meals

- Their families receive Working Tax Credits and have annual gross earnings of no more than £16,190 per year
- They have a current statement of SEN or an Education, Health and Care plan
- They attract Disability Living Allowance
- They are looked after by the LA
- They have left care through special guardianship or an adoption or residence order.

Parents can check if they are eligible by either completing the online form at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7BHPLYX>, calling the Ealing Family Information Service on 020 8825 5588 or through their local children's centre.

The two year old entitlement starts from the term after the child's second birthday as outlined below and can continue to the term after their third birthday.

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| Children born in the period 1 January -31 March | 1 April following the child's second birthday |
| Children born in the period 1 April -31 August | 1 September following the child's second birthday |
| Children born in the period 1 September -31 December | 1 January following the child's second birthday |

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It is important that schools are aware that there is likely for increased demand for existing nursery places in primary schools as these children turn three. There may also be opportunities for schools to expand their current offer or invite other childcare providers onto their site.

The LA will consider applications from schools where there is clearly identified demand for places, and support is available to help schools to achieve an early years childcare registration with Ofsted.

Any schools interested in developing two year old places can contact Tracy Cherry the Childcare Development Officer on **020 8825 9750** or e-mail tcherry@ealing.gov.uk.

For leaflets and posters to promote two year old funding, or to apply for the funding please call the Family Information Service (FIS) on **020 8825 5588** or email children@ealing.gov.uk