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Changing the standards for registered childcare providers

Response form



September 2025

About this response form



Please read the main document called “**Changing the standards for registered childcare providers - What do you think**”



Then answer the questions in this response form.



Please send this form back to us by **Wednesday 10 December 2025**.



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This tells you how we will keep your personal information safe and private.

Questions



We are running focus groups to talk to people about our ideas to make changes to childcare rules.

Please tell us if you have been to one of these focus group sessions.



Yes – I have been to a focus group



No – I have not been to a focus group

New layout

Please read pages 6 to 7 of the main document



1. Do you agree that the layout in the example is clear?

Agree

Disagree

Neither

Don't know

Please explain your answer:



2. Do you agree that we should also provide a link to the rules for each standard?

This means the rules in the [Child Minding and Day Care Regulations \(2010\)](#)

Agree

Disagree

Neither

Don't know

Please explain your answer:



3. Do you agree that we should also provide a link to guidance that helps providers go above the standards?

Agree

Disagree

Neither

Don't know

Please explain your answer:

High quality care

Please read pages 8 to 10 of the main document



4. Do you agree that we should update the chapter called “What do we mean by High Quality Provision”.

The aim of this is to help link the standards to the ECPLC plan.

Agree

Disagree

Neither

Don't know

Please explain your answer:

Other questions about high quality care



What other changes could we make to the standards to further support the ECPLC plan?



Is there anything else that should be in the chapter called 'What high quality care looks like'?

Definition of open access play

Please read pages 11 to 12 of the main document



5. Do you agree with the new definition of open access play?

Agree

Disagree

Neither

Don't know

Please explain your answer:

Other questions about: Definition of open access play



Do you think we should add examples that show what the different types of day care are?

Yes

No

Open access play standards

Please read pages 13 to 17 of the main document



6. We think:

- there should always be at least 1 member of staff with First Aid training,
- and providers should do risk assessments to check how many staff need the training.

Do you agree with this idea?

Agree

Disagree

Neither

Don't know

Please explain your answer:



7. Do you agree with our ideas for staffing, and how many qualified people there must be for open access play?

This includes what we wrote about:

- **Person in charge**
- **Other staff**
- **Staff with no qualifications or volunteers**

Agree

Disagree

Neither

Don't know

Please explain your answer:

Giving medicines

Please read pages 18 to 22 of the main document



8. Do you agree that the new standard is clear about prescribed and non prescribed medicine?

Agree

Disagree

Neither

Don't know

Please explain your answer:

Other questions about: Giving medicines



We have provided further guidance for providers about liquid paracetamol. You can read this here:
www.gov.wales/national-minimum-standards-nms-regulated-childcare-proposed-changes-2025

Do you think the guidance helps explain what providers can and cannot do with liquid paracetamol?

Numbers of qualified and unqualified staff

Please read pages 23 to 25 of the main document



9. Do you agree that the rule for staff numbers should be for the whole setting, not each room?

Agree

Disagree

Neither

Don't know

Please explain your answer:



10. Do you agree with adding the following points to this standard:

- Extra staff could be used to meet children's needs.
- There must always be enough staff for the number of children.
- Extra staff who only support certain children do not count as normal staff.

Agree

Disagree

Neither

Don't know

Please explain your answer:

Child minder assistants

Please read pages 26 to 28 of the main document



11. Do you agree with these changes:

- a child minder assistant could start work while working towards their qualification but,
- they must be supervised until they get their qualification and,
- they must get their qualification within 6 months.

Agree

Disagree

Neither

Don't know

Please explain your answer:



12. Do you agree that a qualified child minder assistant could be left in charge of children for up to 2 hours a day if:

- **they meet the standards, and**
- **follow all the rules in the standards and guidance.**

Agree

Disagree

Neither

Don't know

Please explain your answer:

Having enough staff for child minding

Please read pages 29 to 31 of the main document



13. Do you agree with how many children a child minder could care for?

Agree

Disagree

Neither

Don't know

Please explain your answer:



14. Children who start reception class in September could be counted as over 5 years old in the summer before they start school.

Do you agree with this new rule?

Agree

Disagree

Neither

Don't know

Please explain your answer:



15. Children aged 3 to 5 who go to school or other care for 5 or more hours a day could be counted as over 5 years old.

Do you agree with this new rule?

Agree

Disagree

Neither

Don't know

Please explain your answer:

Welsh language



16. How do you think the new changes might impact the Welsh language?

For example, will it help people use the Welsh language more or less?



17. Do you think we can make any changes to the standards that would help:

- **People use the Welsh language more.**
- **Support the Welsh and English languages equally.**
- **Reduce any negative effects on using the Welsh language.**

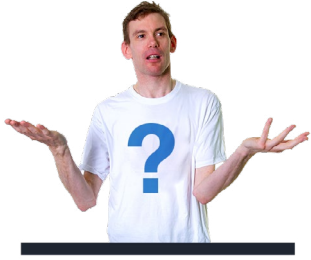
Other questions



- 18. Do you think these changes might affect children, families, or people living in poverty?**



19. Do you think the changes might affect different groups of people with protected characteristics? Like age, disability, race, gender.



20. Is there anything else you would like to say?



We may publish your answers online or in a report.



If you do not want us to use your answers, tick this box.



Thank you for answering these questions.