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Building the Best Start Together – The Baby Week National Conference – 18th November 2026

We are thrilled that Nottingham is hosting the National Baby Week Conference, which is being held on 18th November 2026, 9am – 3.30pm at the Council House. Join professionals, leaders, practitioners, policy makers, academics and community partners from across the UK for this annual, free conference. This year's theme, Chat, Play, Read with Me: Together We Build the Best Start, explores the everyday interactions that help babies and young children learn, communicate and thrive. To find out more and register for a ticket, please click this link!

Read what's coming up next - Important but not urgent information

Nottingham City Leadership Network - Wednesday 25th November 2026

Submit your membership and book your place on the Leadership Network! At this Network we will be welcoming Amy Burton and Sarah Baker from the SaLT team to discuss supporting language development for children with English as an Additional Language. There will be opportunities to explore market stalls from partners, network with peers, as well as to hear local and national updates. Submit your membership and book your place here!

Early Years Funding Workshops

Join us on our upcoming Funding Workshops! Whether you are a PVI Practitioner new to delivering funded places, or if you want to refresh your existing knowledge, our workshops will support you in the processes of claiming funding, including using the portal and how payments are made. Alternatively, if you are a School colleague, our 'Early Years Finance Portal Training' will support you to gain confidence in submitting your EY headcount. Find out more about the workshops we offer on the 'Finance Support Training' section of our website, and book your place here.

Togetherness Training – 2 Day Foundation Course

We have previously promoted the Togetherness Training that early years and childcare professionals can access to support practitioners to develop their understanding of emotional wellbeing, behaviour and relationships and practical strategies for working with families. With the November and December courses now sold out, the remaining dates available for training have been updated. With places being limited, please check out the Training Opportunities from Other Partners on the CPD Page of the website!

Read when you get a moment – Information you might find interesting

Safe Starts Online

Looking for practical advice on digital safety and how to build healthy digital habits from the very beginning? With advice on screen time, age-appropriate content, parental controls and more, Safe Starts Online offers trusted, expert-backed guidance to support families as they navigate their child's early digital experiences.

Share this link with your families so they can explore the free resources and discover simple ways to create safe, balanced and positive digital habits.



Nottingham City Council awards Public Health 0-19 Integrated Service Contract

The above contract has been awarded to Nottingham CityCare Partnership Community Interest Company following a robust and competitive procurement process. The successful bid demonstrated a strong commitment to delivering high-quality, evidence-based services and met all requirements of the specification.

The new contract will commence on 1 April 2027, ensuring the continued delivery of vital services that support children, young people and families across Nottingham. Over the coming months, the focus will be on working closely with Nottingham CityCare and key partners to ensure a smooth and effective mobilisation period, while maintaining the high standards of delivery and support currently provided to families.

The core elements of the service include:

- Health Visiting services for babies and children aged 0-5 years
- School Nursing services aged 5-19 years and up to 25 with SEND or care leavers
- Specialist teenage pregnancy support
- Safeguarding responsibilities
- Immunisation programmes
- Delivery of the National Child Measurement Programme

Sincere thanks are extended to the many stakeholders, partners, parents, carers and community representatives who contributed their time, expertise and valuable feedback throughout the service review and procurement process. Their insights and involvement have played a vital role in shaping the future of the service.

Further information will be shared over the coming months, in the meantime if you have any queries, please contact the Public Health Contracts team at phcontracting@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

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