# Early Years Stronger Practice Adviser Programme

# EYSPA



**Targeted support to strengthen leadership, develop the quality of practice and improve outcomes for children.**

Childhaven
Early Years Stronger Practice Hub

Department for Education

EYSPA is a Department for Education initiative delivered through Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs, providing targeted, bespoke coaching and evidence-informed support to eligible early years settings.

## Could EYSPA support your setting?

Support is available to group-based settings and childminders meeting **at least one** eligibility criterion.

**Ofsted under the post-November 2025 report-card framework:**

Needs Attention, Urgent Improvement

**Ofsted under the pre-November 2025 inspection framework:**

Requires Improvement, Inadequate

**Additional eligibility where a significant number of children on roll are:**

- eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)
- eligible for the Early Learning for 2 Year Olds Offer
- children with SEND who qualify for support

## What happens after you apply?

1. **Apply** - complete the EYSPA application form and tell us about your setting, the eligibility criteria you meet and where you would value support.
2. **Hub review** - the Hub reviews applications against programme eligibility criteria and considers which settings would benefit most.
3. **Selected for support** - complete an online diagnostic form and create your setting profile on the EYSPA Portal.
4. **Matching** - the Hub uses diagnostic information and other relevant evidence to match the setting with an EYSPA whose skills and experience best align with its needs.
5. **EYSPA support** - the EYSPA contacts the setting, understands it in more detail and agrees priorities and next steps.
6. **Review and sustain** - progress is reviewed throughout support, focusing on sustaining improvements beyond the formal support.

## APPLY TODAY

Take the first step to strengthen practice and improve outcomes for children.

**Group based setting application form**
https://forms.gle/6poYVvL2nnz8sRks8

**Childminder application form**
https://forms.gle/xN24MwPzVy5FTAcW7

## What does EYSPA support look like?

An experienced Early Years Stronger Practice Advisor works through coaching, professional dialogue, reflection, evidence-informed support and implementation to identify priorities and develop practical actions that strengthen practice and improve outcomes for children.

## Who are our EYSPA advisors?

Our advisors bring extensive early years experience, expertise and practical knowledge. They work alongside setting leaders to understand context, identify priorities and support sustainable improvements.



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## Questions?

If you would like to discuss the programme or whether EYSPA is the right support for your setting, please contact Dawn Kimber at dkimber@childhaven.n-yorks.sch.uk