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## NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

<b>CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY PANEL</b>
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**9 March 2022**

**Chairman:** Councillor Trevor Foster

**Venue:** Conference Room,  
Church Square House

**Time:** 10.00 am

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### AGENDA

1. Substitutions.
2. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and personal or personal and prejudicial interests and declarations of whipping arrangements (if any).
3. To take the minutes of the meeting of the panel held on 4 November 2021 as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign. (Pages 1 - 2)
4. Public speaking request (if any).
5. North Lincolnshire Childcare Sufficiency Audit - Presentation and Discussion with the Head of Standards and Effectiveness (Pages 3 - 8)
6. Added item (if any).
7. Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent by reason of special circumstances which must be specified.

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4 November 2021

**PRESENT:** - T Foster (Chairman)

L Yeadon (Vice-Chair), M Armiger, C Ross, D Wells and P Clark.

Mrs P Whittaker

The meeting was held at the Conference Room, Church Square House.

68 **SUBSTITUTIONS.**

Cllr Clark substituted for Cllr Allcock

69 **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND PERSONAL OR PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS AND DECLARATIONS OF WHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS (IF ANY).**

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and personal or personal and prejudicial interests. No whip was declared.

70 **PUBLIC SPEAKING REQUEST (IF ANY).**

There were no requests received.

71 **COMMUNITY EDUCATION - DISCUSSION WITH THE HEAD OF PARTICIPATION AND ACHIEVEMENT AND COLLEAGUES.**

The Chairman welcomed Sandra Simmons, Head of Participation and Achievement, Sarah Johnson, ACL Manager, and Emma Wilkinson, Senior Officer – Community and Family Learning, to the meeting.

The Chairman explained that Sandra, Emma and Sarah had been invited to the meeting to update the panel on community engagement and family learning.

Sandra led on delivering a comprehensive presentation, covering the current team offer to local families, the geographical range where this was provided, and funding mechanisms. The steps taken during the pandemic to ensure continuity were described. Sandra gave up to date figures on local engagement, retention, and achievement, which were welcomed by members.

The panel then asked questions on a number of related issues, including a national comparison on achievement rates, a recent Ofsted inspection, and engagement with non-traditional groups. Sandra, Emma and Sarah

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responded to all questions accordingly.

**Resolved** – (a) That Sandra Simmons, Sarah Johnson and Emma Wilkinson be thanked for their attendance and for responding to members' questions; and (b) that the presentation and information be noted.

72 **ADDED ITEM (IF ANY).**

There were no Added Items for consideration at this meeting.

73 **ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH MUST BE SPECIFIED.**

There were no other items under consideration at this meeting.

# North Lincolnshire Childcare Sufficiency Audit

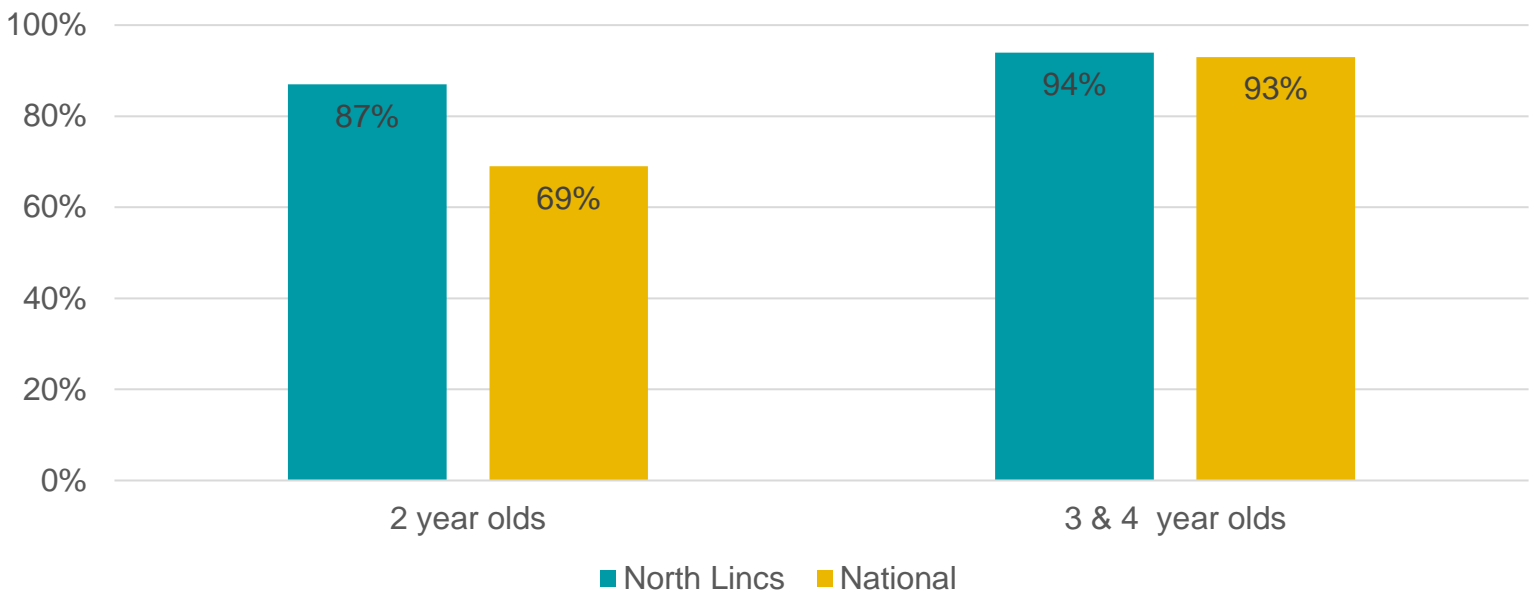
Executive Summary

Headline Statistics:

- The large majority (87%) of eligible two-year olds and most (94%) of three and four-year olds claimed funded early education (15-hours) in the spring term 2020, this is in excess of the national averages 69% and 93% respectively.

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% Children claiming funded early education - (15 hours)  
- Spring term 2020



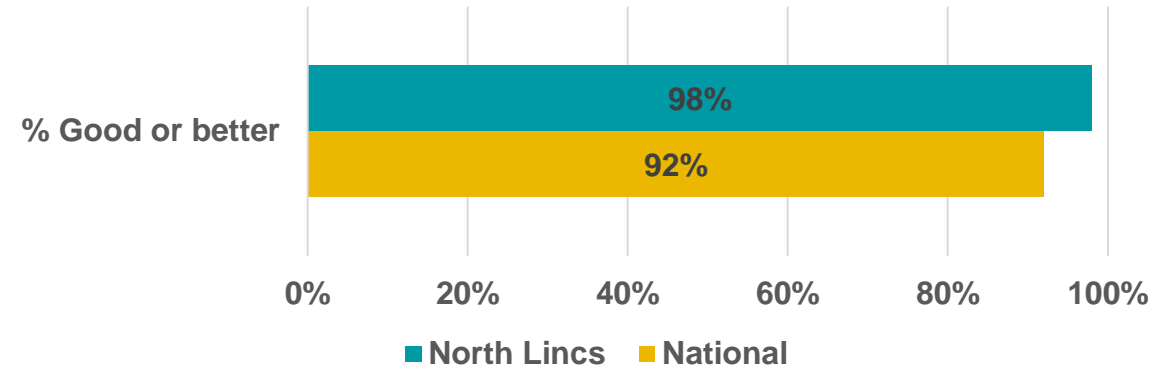
### Headline Statistics:

- Almost all (**98%**) of Ofsted registered childminders and the vast majority (**98%**) of non-domestic settings have a good or better inspection judgement, compared to 97% nationally.

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% Children accessing funded early education in an Ofsted registered setting judged good or better - Spring term 2020



- Almost all (**98%**) of children accessed funded early education in an Ofsted registered setting with a good or better inspection judgement.
- This is higher than the national average of 92% (spring 2020).

# 1036

children accessed the extended hours childcare (30-hours) in the **spring term 2020**. this represents an average of **47%** taking up the extended entitlement. **94%** of 3 and 4 year-olds take up the universal entitlement of 15 hours funded childcare.

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Ofsted registered childcare settings in North Lincolnshire as of 31 August 2020 (including school run nursery provision), the number of childcare settings has not reduced as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

# 62%

childminders are currently registered for funded early education, however not all childminders have funded children all of the time.

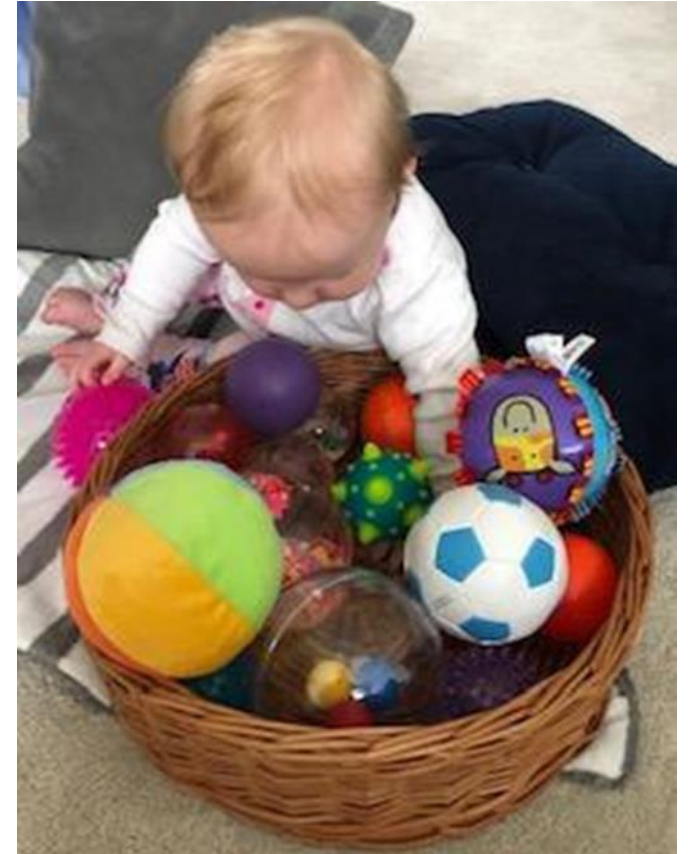
# 71.7%

children achieved a **good level of development** in the Early Years Foundation Stage 2019. This places children's achievements at the end of Reception Year in North Lincolnshire in line with their peers nationally.



## Headline Statistics:

- North Lincolnshire Council's Early Years sector are a key partners in the Proud to Care campaign, using Council funding to offer free childcare to support people as home carers or into employment in care homes.
- The number of childminders in North Lincolnshire has increased by six in the last two years.
- Due to low demand one pre-school closed during the summer of 2019 as it was no longer sustainable.
- The number of independent breakfast, after school and holiday childcare settings has decreased slightly. Most breakfast clubs are now offered by schools themselves.



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