**Childminders questionnaire**

The City of Edinburgh Council, through Economic Development and Communities and Families, currently fund four individual childcare organisations to provide subsidised childcare to working parents on low incomes. These organisations are based in the four areas of the city which suffer from the highest levels of unemployment, poverty and inequality of access – North Edinburgh, Wester Hailes, Craigmillar and South Edinburgh. The subsidy is applied to eligible working parents to reduce the cost of their childcare.

The Council is now reviewing these services and seeking input to develop a specification for new contracts to begin in April 2019. This includes feedback from key stakeholders, service providers and parents across the city.

The Council also needs to consider recent progress and changes to contemplate what effect the Scottish Government’s offer of 1140 funded hours to every 3 & 4-year-old and eligible 2 year olds will have on the final cost to parents.

**QUESTIONS:**

**1. Do you support parents who may require childcare to work or train?**

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

**2. What type of childcare do they require?**

(For example: childminding, creche sessions, after school care, full-time nursery place, part-time nursery place, a combination?)

**3. What are the most common barriers that parents face in relation to childcare for employability?**

(For example: affordability, availability, hours required, flexibility)

**4. Do the parents you work with know about the funding support available to support them with childcare?**

**5. What do you believe the eligibility criteria should be for the subsidised childcare funding?**

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Your thoughts will be collated and used to shape future services, ensuring the citizens of Edinburgh get the best support available to them.

When you have completed this survey please you can email it to katie.weavers@edinburgh.gov.uk or post to:-

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