
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Childcare (Provision of Information About Young Children) (England) Regulations 2009 (“the 2009 Regulations”). The 2009 Regulations prescribe individual child information that early years providers must provide to the Secretary of State and their local authority if requested.

Regulation 3 amends several of the definitions in the 2009 Regulations. In particular the definition of “funded early years provision” is amended to include reference to free childcare provided for the purposes of section 2 of the Childcare Act 2016 (known as the “extended entitlement” for children of working parents). Regulation 3 also inserts a definition of “disability access fund”.

Regulation 4 amends the Schedule to the 2009 Regulations and requires providers of funded early years provision to provide four additional items of information: the number of hours of early years provision that the local authority funds in excess of their legal duties under the Childcare Acts; whether the funded early years provision is provided to the child in more than 38 weeks in the funding period (as defined in regulation 12(2) of the 2009 Regulations); whether the provider is in receipt of a disability access fund allocation in relation to the child; and where the child is in receipt of funded early years provision under the extended entitlement, evidence of the eligibility.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no significant impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.