

INDEPENDENT QUALITY ASSESSMENT

This will take place when there is an existing EE/CC provider on a site identified as a Children's Centre to ensure that any CC/EE provider is of high enough quality to deliver services on a Children's Centre site.

The IQA will comprise:

- Last 2 Ofsted Reports
- Last 2 NOVAs
- Evidence of progress in LQA or other QA framework
- Visit from Teacher Advisor and DCS Advisor who have not previously had contact with the setting.

Documentation used will include the Children's Centre Improvement Policy and Performance Management Tool. Settings will be advised prior to a visit that this assessment is being undertaken and feedback from the process will be shared.

Info on the assessment will be shared with the HT and Governing Body only. The Quality & Standards Manager will recommend to the HT/ GB if a provider is to be given opportunity to improve, be advised to relocate, close **or** if the site is not to be designated as a CC.

The Quality & Standards Manager will consider the above and make a decision based on the documentation, the implications of any decision and the views of the HT/GB. Any setting **not** of a high enough standard will be supported to improve by a 'Team Around the Setting' approach and guidance and advice to relocate/close if required.

Project Managers (by wedge) will co-ordinate the collection of reports and request an IQA. The Foundation Stage Improvement Manager and DCS Manager will be asked to identify an officer who has had no previous contact with the setting. Project Managers will be responsible for discussing the process with the setting and advising on actions if they are suitable or not.

If agreement cannot be reached, the ultimate decision will lie with Children's Centre Programme Board.