

## Ofsted BIT assessments for the reporting period 5 May 2015 – 8 June 2017

### Assessment 1): Introduction of the common inspection framework and revised handbooks in September 2015 for early years inspections

#### Brief outline of amended regulatory activity

Ofsted inspects early years providers. This includes childminders and childcare providers (nurseries). All inspections undertaken and judgements made are governed by an inspection framework. In September 2015, we introduced the common inspection framework (CIF). This applies to early years as well as to schools and further education and skills providers. We needed to change the judgements/guidance in the previous early years framework to match those in the CIF.

Common inspection framework: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/common-inspection-framework-education-skills-and-early-years-from-september-2015](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/common-inspection-framework-education-skills-and-early-years-from-september-2015).

Early years inspection handbook: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-inspection-handbook-from-september-2015](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-inspection-handbook-from-september-2015).

A single set of judgements for all education provision helps consistency, common language and common understanding for parents throughout their child's journey from early years through to school and further education.

We only needed to make small changes to bring together judgements.

Judgements in early years framework	Judgements in common inspection framework
The overall quality and standards of the provision	Overall effectiveness
The effectiveness of leadership and management	Effectiveness of leadership and management
How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend	Quality of teaching, learning and assessment
The contribution of the early years provision to children's well-being	Personal development, behaviour and welfare
Compliance with early years foundation stage (EYFS) requirements of Department for Education	Compliance with early years foundation stage (EYFS) requirements of Department for Education
	Outcomes for children

This involved some changes to guidance on how these judgements would be made and resulted in:

- a new common inspection framework, which need only be read and understood by the

head of the setting. The content is also covered in detail in the early years inspection handbook

- an update to the early years inspection handbook. The handbook underpins the common inspection framework
- updated website guidance outlining scenarios of early years provision on educational sites and how these will be inspected under the common inspection framework.

### **Which type of business will be affected? How many are estimated to be affected?**

All private, voluntary and independent, non-publicly funded providers as at March 2015:

- a) early years childminders
- b) childcare and other early years providers.

Of the total number of early years providers, only those that are privately funded (63.35%) are considered in scope for the purposes of this assessment. Providers that are publically funded (36.65%) are excluded from this assessment. Details on the proportion of providers that are publicly funded, 'public sector carve out', can be found at

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/literacy-and-numeracy-of-level-3-early-years-educator-staff](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/literacy-and-numeracy-of-level-3-early-years-educator-staff) Annex C.

### **Please set out the impact to business clearly with a breakdown of costs and benefits**

Ofsted is responsible for the implementation of its inspection framework but does not determine inspection frequencies and cycles.

This does not include the potential benefits, which are longer term and not possible to monetise.

#### **Transitional costs**

##### **Familiarisation with new/revised guidance**

New common inspection framework to read and understand (13 pages).

Updated early years inspections handbook to read and understand and communicate to staff (44 pages).

Ofsted has made it clear that settings do not need to prepare any documentation purely for inspection. Settings may choose to revise their quality improvement planning to align it with the new framework, but this is not a requirement or an expectation.

We assisted settings in all of this through conferences and extensive communications.

**Please provide any additional information (if required) that may assist the RPC to validate the BIT score**

The costs to early years providers of familiarising themselves with the revised CIF and handbook are set out below.

The cost has been determined by asking a sample of childminders and other childcare providers through Ofsted's national consultative forum event. This event brings together providers from across the early years profession.

For childminder costs, evidence was gathered from 45 childminders who indicated it took one person a day to familiarise themselves with the updated guidance. We also used annual salary costs to assist with the calculation. As at September 2015, there were 47,558 childminders. We calculated that the cost per childminder is £59.

For childcare providers on non-domestic premises, the costs incurred with familiarisation of guidance varied between providers. Based on the responses received, we calculated an average cost per provider of £577. As at September 2015, it is calculated that there were 16,307 other childcare providers.\*

Based on this information, we calculated that the cost of introducing the early years CIF/handbook in September 2015 was:

Provider type	Cost	Calculations
Childminders	£2,810,202	£13,000 annual salary/220 working days per year (assumption) = £59.09 x <b>47,558</b> providers
childcares on Non-Domestic and Domestic Premises	£9,409,139	£577 x <b>16,307</b> * providers
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>12,219,341</b>	

\* for Childcare on Non-Domestic premises only those that are privately funded are included as part of the population of providers affected by this change.

The average cost to the provider per childcare place would therefore be £13.46.

<b>Summary of costs and benefits</b>						
Price base year	Implementation date	Duration of policy (years)	Net present value	Business net present value	Net cost to business (EANDCB)	BIT score
2016	01/09/2015	10	-12.2	-12.2	1.4	7.0