

Lessons learned from Flying Start

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What is Flying Start?

Core entitlement:

- Intensive Health Visiting (1:1 10 caseloads)
- Childcare for 2-3 year olds (12.5 hrs per week)
- Parenting Support
- Early Literacy & Basic Skills



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Flying Start



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- Based on international research
- The Welsh Government's flagship early years programme

Why the early years are important



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Evidence tells us that the early years are:

- vital to a child's physical, emotional, social and cognitive development
- the foundations on which all future development will be built



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How do we know it works?



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National Evaluation:

“Flying Start is on track to improve the life chances of the children in the areas in which it runs”

What have we learned?

- Health professionals are key to the programme's continued success
- Multiagency working
- The child's welfare is the main consideration
- Co-location of services



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Successes

- Established an effective multi-agency approach to delivery
- Earlier identification of needs
- More effective engagement with families
- Engaged parents in the lives of their children



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Manifesto Commitment



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To double the number of children and their families
benefitting from Flying Start over the coming years

18,000 children —————> 36,000 children



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