EYFS – Progress Made and Challenges Ahead

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EYFS - the story so far…

Positive…

- Single framework with a good opportunity to review practice
- More child friendly
- Easier for practitioners and parents to understand

Challenges

- More paperwork
- Nature of change had impact on staff confidence
- Access to training

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training to support implementation

Topic	Percentage response
Implementation of EYFS	73%
Understanding EYFS	89%
Physical content of EYFS	86%
Planning	77%
Legal requirements of EYFS	66%

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further training highlighted

- 53% highlighted a need for more training

Popular needs

- Planning
- assessment
- ongoing general training for new staff that was accessible
- training for ALL staff

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changes to practice

- 88% made changes
- 35% introduced changes to planning
- Changes to areas
- Practice reviewed generally
- Strengthened child-led activities

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Planning, observation and assessment

- Using the EYFS
- Methods and approaches

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engaging with parents

- Informing parents about the EYFS
- Parents feedback
- Sharing information
- Networking

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Early Years Professional impact

Impact of the EYP on the roll out of EYFS

Very positive	25%
Positive	50%
Neither positive or negative	25%
Negative	0%

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regulation and inspection under the EYFS quality standards

- Understanding of the Early Years Register
- Inspection
- Using the SEF

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Ingredients for quality

- Framework - EYFS
- Workforce, the need for CPD
- Personalisation
- Continued quality improvement
- Investment

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in summary

- Welcomed by the sector
- Still more to do to fully embed
- Mixed picture on training across the country
- Main area of need for our members is for more support with planning and observations

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