Working in partnership with home-based childcare - a different approach

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Looking ahead – the challenge

Ensuring that all children and families have access to high quality, affordable childcare

Looking ahead – the opportunity

Work together to:

- Raise quality
- Raise awareness
- Support parents

Raising Quality

- The number of registered childminders in England is rising
- The number of NCMA registered childminders achieving good or outstanding Ofsted results has risen to 74% this year
- Increasing numbers of childminders hold qualifications at level 3 or above
- Development of professional standards for childminders and nannies

Raising Quality

- Support the sharing of expertise amongst practitioners
- Link with Networks
- Share information and training

Raising awareness

- Increase the links between Children's Centres and childminders
- Engage the support of childminders to embed Children's Centres in the community
- Reach children and families through childminder connections, reinforcing the home learning environment and supporting parents

Supporting Parents

Work with home based practitioners to provide:

- flexible, high quality care and learning
- early education places
- respite care
- support for vulnerable families

Today's message

- Work in partnership with home based childcare to achieve common goals
- Share and learn from existing best practice
- Develop new and different approaches

Thank you