Challenges Facing the Early Years Sector

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Borrowing in 2012 will be higher than forecast.

Economy is expected to expand by just 0.7 per cent - down from the 2.5 per cent anticipated earlier in the year.

£8 billion is to be slashed from public spending in 2015-16 and a further £7 billion in 2016-17.

Britain faces two more years of cuts beyond the next general election.

The deficit reduction plan will last a year longer than expected.

Four more years of pain has become six.

There are no easy years when you are in government, and we have had to show real strength in 2011. ***The next year will be one that poses many great challenges for everyone in Britain.***

We are living through trying times and people are worried about what else the year might bring. There are fears about jobs and paying the bills. The search for work has become difficult, particularly for young people. And rising prices have hit household budgets…

I know how difficult it will be to get through this…

A reduction of occupancy of nearly 10%

Lending squeeze by banks

Reduced business support

Reduced training support

Introduction of revised EYFS

Introduction of nutritional guidance

Implementation of 24-month progress report

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Autumn statement 2011: free nursery education extended to two-year-olds

George Osborne to provide free nursery or childcare places for more than 260,000 toddlers to help parents return to work

...something like 11% of children within Birmingham have emotional difficulties, but only 2% of children in Children's Centres have those symptoms.

Stephen Hughes, CEO, Birmingham City Council