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Putting 2 year old funding into practice and ensuring quality for funded two year olds in Doncaster

Putting theory into practice

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Background of 2 Year Old Funding in Doncaster

- 2006 – Pathfinder Local Authority
- September 2011 – 2 Year Old Funding across all 21 Children Centre areas
- January 2012 – implemented guaranteed 2 year old funding for all Looked After Children
- September 2012 – 2 year old funding for children with Learning difficulties and disabilities through the Portage Service / Pre School Inclusion Team

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Directory of Providers

- Application Criteria:
  - Good / Outstanding Ofsted
  - NVQ Level 3 or above
  - 2 Year Old Matters / Focus on Child Development
- Support visit by the Early Years Quality Team to prepare for Ofsted prior to application being accepted
- Consultant Teacher and Quality Improvement support

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How will this carry forward into the September 2013 Entitlement?

- Families meeting Free School Meal Criteria
  - Still establishing internal procedures but will very much include Children's Centres as part of the process
  - Data of eligible children
  - Include children with LDD
- Looked After Children
  - Continue to build on strong partnerships between teams and take up even further

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Start of our journey…

- Dec 2011 steering group to plan for meeting the needs of the funded 2 year olds in the Children's Centres.
- Developed system to support identified 2 year olds to make the transition from the Children's Centre to the setting
- Both the settings and Children's Centres play an equal role in supporting the children and the families

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Passport to Nursery

- Support children's learning and development focusing on the three prime areas of learning
- Completed by the parents and centre staff prior to accessing their place at a setting
- Used to support the child and their family to make the transition into setting
- Child's key person use the information to support child to settle at the setting

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All about me

My name is

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Partnership working…

At the centre….

- 4 x 1.5 hour sessions
- 1 PSED
- 1 CLL
- 1 PHYSICAL
- 1 'Meet the room senior'

- The 'All About Me' 'passport' travelled with the child to the setting

At the setting….

- Room seniors were required to access focussed training on the 3 prime areas

- Baseline children's learning on entry to the setting (prior to full funding being released)

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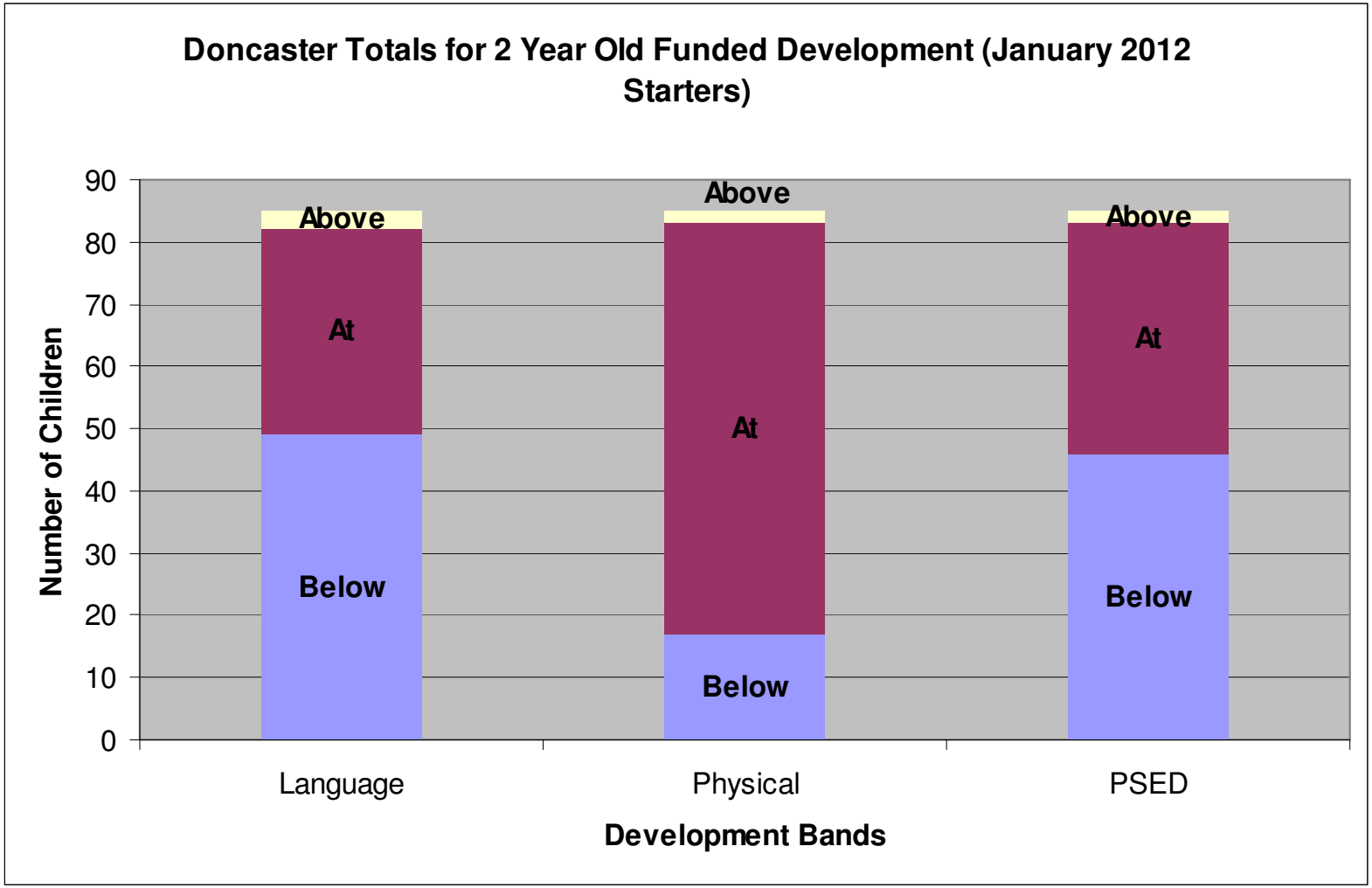

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Progress made Jan-Sept

- Physical 87% ‘at’ or ‘above’
- PSED 70% ‘at’ or ‘above’
- CL 73% ‘at’ or ‘above’

Beginning of term 3-CC involvement with those below expected levels

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Journey so far…

- Parents registered or started to attend sessions at the centre
- Communication links improved between parents and staff, and between staff at the setting/centre
- Practitioners felt more confident supporting the child and family more effectively.
- Some settings routinely complete a pre-CAF to ensure earliest intervention

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- We are offering a moderation event, open to CCs and settings, twice a year to support consistent, accurate assessment.
- Working with data team to incorporate the data sets into Children's Centre systems, which will 'speak to' school systems, therefore enabling us to track through 3 and 4 year old funding.
- We are working towards establishing joint Health reviews/Progress Checks.

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