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## Supporting the development and wellbeing of young children (0-5) with SEND during and beyond the Covid 19 outbreak



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## Welcome and housekeeping

- Please use the Q and A function to share your experiences and ask questions (remember we can't see you!)
- All presentations will be made available on the Knowledge Hub and the LGA website (past presentations/events section)
- Please complete the feedback form which will be sent afterwards
- Enjoy!

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# Agenda

- Early years inclusion in context
- The experience of one local authority (Hampshire)
- Dingley's Promise and a specialist provider's experience of lockdown
- A parent's perspective
- Lessons from lock down
- Q and A

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# Legislative duties and the need for join-up

- Children and Families Act 2014
- Equalities Act 2010
- Disability Discrimination Act 1995
- Childcare Act 2006
- United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) (1992)

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# Challenges and successes

- Early years inclusion as a strategic priority and preventative strategy
- Reducing resources vs increasing needs?
- A cultural challenge in how we support children and families?
- Increasing numbers of exclusions
- The changing shape of the early years sector
- But good service delivery is often picked up in Ofsted inspections

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# The impact of Covid-19

- Early years and childcare as a critical service for key workers
- Early years and childcare supporting vulnerable children
- Some services stopped, some slowed, some adapted and some continued
- Children's experiences varied greatly
- Family experiences varied greatly
- Council for Disabled Children research showed biggest concerns about transitions

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# Summary of learning from our presenters

- Change is constant, as is possibility
- Difference must be recognised
- Conversations are key
- Our challenges are not new, but they may be more extreme
- Balancing all of our duties and all of our resources
- Our most vulnerable families must not lose support when they most need it

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# Lessons from lockdown and what next?

- Preventing our most vulnerable families from further disadvantage
- Remaining child and family focused, whilst balancing resources and requirements
- Utilising new ways of working and using them appropriately

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# Next steps?

- Time for a whole system review?
- LGA Action Learning Sets 6<sup>th</sup> August
- Support from the SEND Partnership
  - Website – <https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/early-years-send-partnership>
  - Mailing list - <https://ncb.us9.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=93ca41ab24380caf57761bd37&id=707116925a>

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