

Early Years (Speech, Language and Communication) Peer Challenge Programme

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Early Years Peer Challenge

- Sector Led Improvement – harnessing skills and experience
 - Outcomes for councils, partners and peers
 - Outcomes for children and families
 - 30 peer challenges, 12 month follow up, 3 Learning events
 - Collaborating with the Early Intervention Foundation
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What have we done?

- Engaged with the sector to develop the framework
 - Produced guidance and resources
 - Piloted in 3 areas
 - Delivered 9 peer training events at Warwick plus ones in London and Cambridge
 - Recruited and trained 150 new peers
 - Identified councils suitable for the challenge
 - Developed the Knowledge Hub
 - Delivered wave 1 and 2 challenges
 - Agreed schedule for wave 3 challenges
 - Delivered one learning event and today's event!
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Challenges

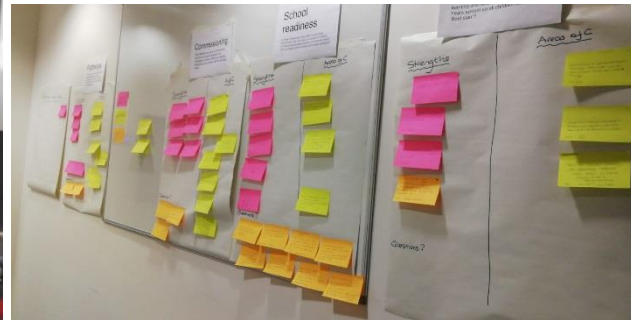
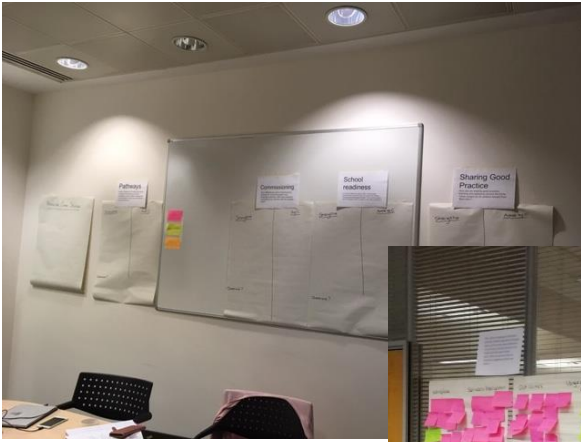
Pilots: Cambridge and Peterborough, Wigan and Bexley

Completed Challenges: Bristol, Wirral, Hertfordshire, Oldham, Leeds, Warrington, Portsmouth, Wolverhampton, Swindon, North Lincolnshire, Manchester, Nottingham, Stockport, Rochdale and Lincolnshire, Liverpool, Enfield, Cornwall and Cumbria.

Planned Challenges: Hartlepool, Blackburn with Darwen, Calderdale, Stockton-on-tees, Knowsley, Southampton, Derby, Lancashire, Derbyshire.

Themes emerging from challenges

- Clarity around school readiness
 - Early Years Strategy
 - Shared outcomes frameworks and data dashboards
 - Use of data to ensure needs led commissioning
 - Co-construction with parents and communities
 - Levels of 2 year old funded childcare take up
 - Integrated 2 year old reviews
 - Robust evaluation of services
 - Partnership working
 - Workforce planning
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