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| **Consultation response form****Consultation closing date: 10 December 2015** **Your comments must reach us by that date** |
| Amendments to the Paediatric First Aid requirements in the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) |

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Please mark the box that best describes you as a respondent. If 'Other' please specify in the box below.

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### ****Current EYFS requirements:****

**1**. **Do the current requirements in the EYFS on paediatric first aid need to be changed/strengthened?**

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### ****On the proposed training requirement in the early years foundation stage (EYFS):****

**2**. **Do you agree with the proposal that, in addition to the voluntary quality assurance scheme, the government should introduce a mandatory requirement for newly qualified early years staff (with full and relevant level 2 or level 3 childcare qualification) to also hold a current Paediatric First Aid (PFA) or emergency PFA certificate in order to be included in the required staff: child ratios in an early years setting?**

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**3. Do you agree that the benefits of the proposals laid out in this consultation justify the additional costs to childcare providers? Do you have any views on the impact assessment of our proposals?**

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**4. Do you agree this proposal should come into force from 1 September 2016, for staff who have completed their L2 or L3 childcare qualification after 30 June 2016? If not, please suggest an alternative date.**

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**5. Should newly qualified members of staff with a level 2 or level 3 qualification be allowed a three month ‘grace’ period to complete PFA training after starting work with a new employer?**

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### ****On the content of emergency paediatric first aid courses:****

**6. Do you agree with the course content for a one-day emergency PFA certificate? Should any other subjects be added or taken away from the suggested course content?**

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### ****On Equal Opportunities:****

**7**. **Should any exceptions be made on equal opportunities grounds to new staff with a disability that would allow them to be included in the adult:child ratios without a PFA or emergency PFA certificate, provided that the EYFS requirements are otherwise met?**

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### ****Displaying staff certificates****

**8. Should early years providers be encouraged to display (or make available) staff PFA certificates in order to make it clear to parents how many and which staff are trained**

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**9. Do you have any other comments or suggestions on the proposals set out in this consultation?**

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Thank you for taking the time to let us have your views. We do not intend to acknowledge individual responses unless you place an 'X' in the box below.

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**Completed responses should be sent by 10 December 2015**

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**Thank you for taking time to respond to this consultation.**