

## Family Gateway Information Team Monthly Update

### **The Index**

When dealing with parents who have a child(ren) with an additional need. If they are not already aware of it, please inform them of 'the index' (of children and young people with disabilities or additional needs). More information about the index and how to register can be found [here](#).

When parents register with the index we currently provide them with a [Max Card](#) as a thank you. We are now coming to the end of the supply of Max Cards and we will not be getting any more. As they provide discounts to attractions and some restaurants (both locally and nationally), we do on occasions get requests for Max Cards from parents who have not, or are not, eligible to sign up to the index (e.g. they do not live in Cardiff or do not have a child with an additional need).

### **Dewis Wales**

In what will be a regular update to provide you with an "at a glance" update on what has been happening on Dewis Wales. Here is a range of 10 services that have been recently added or re-published on Dewis Wales.

Name of service	Summary of service	Link for more information on Dewis
Tearing Your Hair Out Support Group	<p>The group is for parents, adult family members and close friends of those affected by substance misuse.</p> <p>For those whose families are affected by a family member who has alcohol or drug misuse problems.</p>	<a href="#">Click here</a>
Foster Care Cardiff (Cardiff Council Private Fostering)	Nought to seventeen year olds and carers looking after someone else child	<a href="#">Click here</a>
Hafod Housing/Tai Sylfaen - The Young People's Project	The Young People's Project is set up to house and support 16 to 25 year old single men and women who have never lived on their own or have experienced difficulties coping with living on their own.	<a href="#">Click here</a>
South Wales Fire-setting Intervention Scheme	Work with families and/or agencies working with families, where there is a concern around a child's unhealthy interest in fire.	<a href="#">Click here</a>
Save the Children Building Blocks	Save the Children's Building Blocks programme provides low-income families with products, resources and information	<a href="#">Click here</a>

	to support the home learning environment and children's development.	
Switched On Substance Misuse Education and Awareness Team	Switched On is a young person's substance education service for Cardiff and the Vale. It is an innovative, flagship multi-agency service which is made up of existing services which have been brought together to provide a holistic provision for young people and those who support young people.	<a href="#">Click here</a>
Epilepsy Wales Coffee and Chat Cardiff Group	Epilepsy Wales facilitate a Coffee & Chat morning, every 4th Wednesday of the month, in the Café above NEXT, in Queen Street, Cardiff city centre to support people affected by epilepsy, their families and carers.	<a href="#">Click here</a>
Displaced People in Action - Children and Young Persons Project	The Children and Young Persons Project at DPIA delivers a programme of groups and activities for refugee and asylum seeking children and young people, under the age of 18 years.	<a href="#">Click here</a>
Church Army Residential Services	Ty Bronna is the first stage of accommodation that Church Army Residential Services Cardiff offers, providing 24 hour supported housing for up to 13 young people aged 16-21 years old.	<a href="#">Click here</a>
Breaking the Mould	<p>A community based art group running 10-1pm every Monday morning from the Dusty Forge in Ely.</p> <p>This group is aimed at adults of all levels and abilities. You will have the opportunity to learn new art skills at your own pace or develop existing ones, alongside socialising with a diverse group of community members and making new friends! Community members with carers welcome.</p>	<a href="#">Click here</a>

**Forthcoming key dates and work:**

In future editions, this is where we will provide a summary of what outreach opportunities are coming up in Cardiff, where the Information team will be and when.

## Childcare

As of Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July, information about registered childcare providers can be accessed online at [www.fis.wales](http://www.fis.wales)

## Childcare Offer

The Childcare Offer for Wales provides 30 hours a week of government-funded early education and childcare for eligible working parents of 3 to 4 year olds, for up to 48 weeks of the year. For more details, please click [here](#)

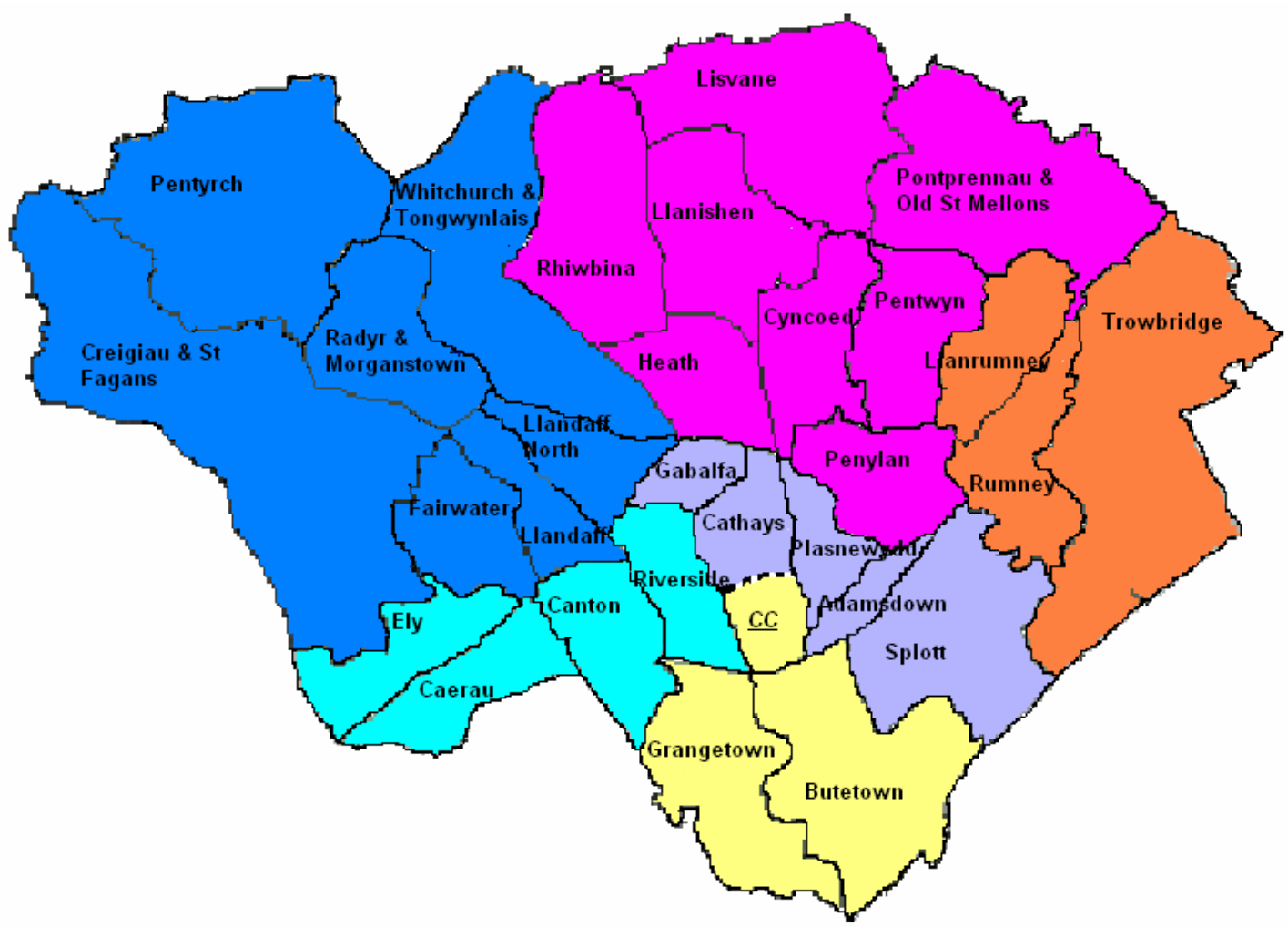
## Definitions of Childcare

Type of Childcare	What do they do	Ages they cater for	Registered with Care Inspectorate for Wales
Childminders	Childminders are childcare providers working in their own homes who may offer full and part time care, including before and after school, wrap around provision, (childcare that schools provide outside of normal school hours, such as breakfast clubs or after school) holiday, evening, overnight or weekend care.	0 to 12	Yes
Full Daycare / Day nurseries:	Day nurseries provide childcare for young children from birth to age 5. They usually open from early morning to early evening, Monday to Friday, all year round. They offer a caring, safe, stimulating environment either as full day care or part-time care for babies and pre-school children. Some	0 - 5	Yes

	may also provide care before and after school and in the holidays for older children too.		
Playgroups/Cylchoedd Meithrin:	Playgroups cater mainly for children aged 2½ to 5 years, usually for 2 to 3 hours in the morning or afternoon and mainly during term time. Cylchoedd Meithrin are Welsh-medium playgroups which give children an opportunity to become bilingual (in English and Welsh).	2½ - 5	Yes
Out of school childcare clubs	Out of school childcare clubs help parents or carers who work or attend training. They include breakfast clubs, after school clubs, holiday play schemes and wrap around day-care for school aged children.	3 - 12	Yes (if operating for more than two hours)
Open access play schemes	Open access playschemes are places where children are free to come and go. They must be registered with Care Inspectorate for Wales if they cater for children under 8 for more than 2 hours a day.	5 - 14	Yes (located at 3 play centres in Cardiff)
Crèche	Occasional day care for children aged from birth up to the age of 12 years on non-domestic premises.	0 - 12	In some cases, but not always.

	<p>They need to be registered where they run for more than two hours a day and more than five days a year, even where individual children attend for shorter periods. Some are in permanent premises and care for children while parents are engaged in particular activities (e.g. training, shopping or sport).</p> <p>Others are established on a temporary basis to care for children while their parents are involved in time-limited activities (e.g. a conference or an exhibition).</p>		
<p>Part-time education for children aged 3 and 4 year olds (Foundation Phase)</p>	<p>Children are entitled to a part-time nursery place from the start of the term after they have turned 3.</p> <p>In Cardiff, this is 12.5 hours a week at a recognised nursery education provider, details of which can be found on page 52 of the Admissions to School 2019/20 book.</p> <p>Children will stay in nursery school until the September after their fourth birthday when they start reception class in primary school.</p>	<p>3 - 4</p>	<p>The Admissions to School 2019/20 book can be found <a href="#">here</a>, which includes details of the Foundation Phase, admissions processes and school application dates.</p>

Electoral Wards Map



Map of Cardiff with local terminology for areas

