

Impact of retaining the full £2.335m savings from the Children's Centre and Early Years budget

The reduction in the scale of the savings requirement by £500K has helped mitigate the impact of cuts for those families and children in greatest need as shown in the table below.

Service area	£	Impact of reducing the saving required by £500K	Impact of retaining original budget reduction
Children's Centre Services	300,000	<p>Protects the outreach service enabling the new targeted service to be delivered at current capacity to families with additional needs. This means groups and home visits, will continue to be delivered to vulnerable families across B&NES and those living in more rural areas.</p> <p>It also protects the level of Early Years Teacher support, assuring the quality of the delivery of early learning and child development programmes such as Flying Start. This is the core function of the service and key to narrowing the gap</p>	<p>The new outreach service would reduce below current capacity by approximately four or five posts. This would equate to 40 or 50 fewer families with additional needs being supported by the service at any one time through home visits, and between 8 to 10 fewer groups run each week.</p>
Early Years Foundation Service	200,000	<p>Maintains the current level of support to preschool children with additional needs and disabilities. This ensures these children are able to access quality preschools, and where needed additional packages of support are in place. It will also ensure the local authority is well placed to support the implementation of the SEND reforms across all age ranges.</p>	<p>The level of support currently provided to preschools and families with children with disabilities would reduce significantly. This would include the preschool specifically for disabled children. Opportunities would be missed to identify and address needs early, leading to poor educational outcomes for children.</p>

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