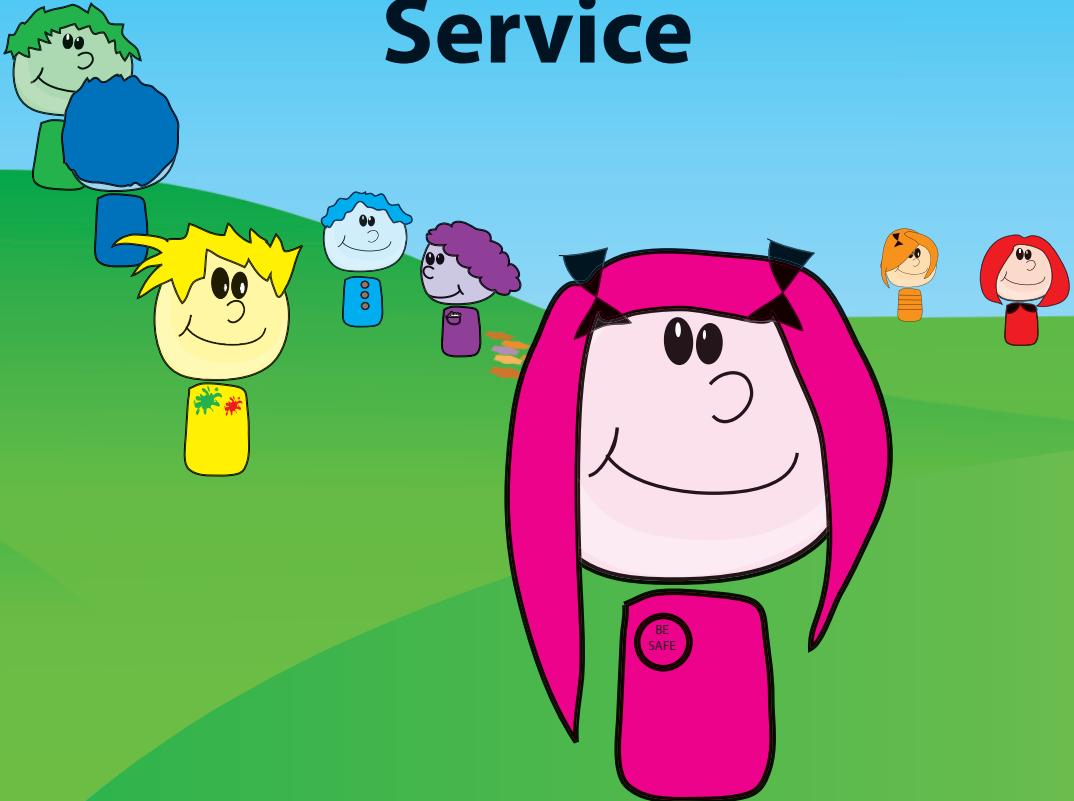


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# Childcare Brokerage Service



**Keeping Blackpool Families Informed**

# **Family Information Service Childcare Brokerage Service**

The Blackpool Family Information Service (FIS) offers a Brokerage Service which is designed to help parents and carers find suitable childcare. They will provide information about the range of childcare options (such as nurseries and childminders) to parents who might have difficulty accessing this information for a variety of reasons.

Whether you have never accessed formal childcare before or are looking for the right childcare provision to suit your needs, our staff will support you to ensure that childcare does not hold you back.

## **Who can use the Brokerage Service?**

The service is primarily aimed at:

- Lone parents / carers who are starting or returning to work or training
- Parents / carers who have children with additional needs
- Parents / carers who cannot find suitable childcare from the relevant lists obtained from the FIS.
- New parents/carers moving into the town.

But we are here for anyone who needs us!

## **Are you.....**

Starting or returning to work or training, when you have spent time caring for your children?

Working shifts and having trouble finding childcare to fit around your work?

Concerned about leaving your child with someone else for a long time during the day?

Worried about how you are going to afford to pay for the care and meet all the other costs of everyday life?

## What we can do for you

The Childcare Brokerage Service will help you think through everything that might be worrying you and make sure that the choices you make are the best ones for you and your family and that you are comfortable with them.

- Talk about the availability and types of local childcare
- Explore and discuss your options
- Look at costs, help available with costs and how to apply to get help with costs
- How childcare can help you and your family achieve your goals
- Arrange visits to childcare settings
- Meet in a pre-arranged location or just have a chat over the phone.
- Provide 1-1 support, advice and guidance
- Acting as intermediaries, by providing childcare choice information to a professional already supporting parents/ carers and who has formed a trusting relationship with them.





## **Discuss your options:**

If you would like to find out the different childcare options in Blackpool you can contact the:

**Blackpool Family Information Service on  
0800 092 2332 and ask for 'Brokerage'**

**Blackpool Family Information Service  
Early Years & Childcare Team  
Children and Young People's Department  
Progress House  
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