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Dear Committee members

I am a working parent with two young children living in Cardiff, and I would like to support P-04-346: Petition on provision of early years education. I did not sign the petition as I was unaware of its existence. I understand that although the petition is now closed for signatures you are still collecting evidence.

I understand that you are interested in three main areas:

1) Are you able to access early years education for your 3-4 year old in a way that is convenient to you?

No. Early years provision in Cardiff is offered as 2.5 hour sessions 5 days a week. As a working parent I am unable to access it.

2) Does the provision of early years education for your 3-4 year old enhance or hinder your opportunities to work or study?

The current early years provision would hinder my opportunities to work. I have a full time job and would be unable to accommodate pickups and drop offs at 2/5 hr intervals

3) Have you declined to take up provision for early years education for your 3-4 year old as it is inconvenient for you to do so? If so, what childcare provisions have you made instead?

I have not taken up provision for either of my two children and have used private childcare for both. My eldest (now 6) is in School but my youngest (3) still goes to private nursery full time 5 days a week

Thank you for taking the time to review this issue.

Yours sincerely,

Pierre Wasseneer