

Free business advice available to our partners

Cumbria County Council's Children's Services Business Advisers are available to work with contracted organisations to undertake a free, confidential and impartial Business Health Check, with the aim of strengthening practice and encouraging robust systems.



Who would benefit from a Business Health Check?

Any service provider currently contracted with Cumbria Children's Services could potentially benefit from this service, for example:

- Childcare providers delivering Free Entitlement for 2, 3 & 4 year olds.
- Care providers delivering Therapeutic and support services for children.
- Providers of preventative services for children and young people.

If you would like to discuss if this service is appropriate to you then please contact us.

Why have a Business Health Check?

- Your business is thriving but there may be underlying strategies that can be identified and implemented through the Business Health Check that can help to maximise your ongoing viability.
- Your business is currently able to pay the bills but you are not sure if you are making enough to cover any unexpected expenditure. A Business Health Check could help to maximise financial viability and/or control expenditure.
- You are struggling to cover the bills at certain times of the year. A Business Health Check may be able to help you to plan for this.
- You are unsure what alternative governance options are available to you and which may be most appropriate

So what is a Business Health Check?

- **Occupancy / Level of service delivery**
- **Financial viability / stability (including and excluding funding)**
- **Cash position**
- **Legal statutory and contractual compliance**
- **Staffing costs**
- **Financial management**
- **Monitoring systems**

From this information the Business Adviser will be able to identify potential problems that your Business may face in the future. They will be able to offer advice and guidance regarding how to address these issues to minimise their potentially negative impact. All commercially sensitive information will be treated with the strictest confidence.

Contact details

The **Children and Families Information Service** can put you in touch with the Business Adviser working in your area; they can be contacted by telephoning **08457 125 737**.