

1. Digital Learning

NCB are conducting a digital learning survey to find out how professionals who work with children and young people use digital resources to improve their professional knowledge and skills. We would like them to complete this short survey (max 5 mins!) so we can find out how to help them to support children and young people.

This survey is designed for teachers, practitioners, health care and social care professionals and shouldn't take more than 5 minutes to complete.

Here's the link: <https://bit.ly/2soshP>

2. Private Childcare

Antonia Simon from the UCL Institute of Education, Department of Social Science is leading a new childcare project funded by the Nuffield Foundation about private childcare in England. The research includes a survey with nursery/pre-school managers to find out about their nursery, how it operates and the current challenges. The data collected will inform policy and practice for the sector. This is the link: https://uclioe.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bslpqakcqe2eBT. Antonia only needs responses from individual nurseries (not chains) in England.

More info about the project can be found here: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/ioe/departments-and-centres/departments/social-science/private-sector-childcare-england>

3. Qualitative research into effective practice in early years and SEN and disability

The National Children's Bureau, with the Council for Disabled Children and Nafen are about to embark on some qualitative research into effective practice in early years and SEN and disability on behalf of DfE. The aims of the research are to:

- Improve SEND practice by identifying and sharing what constitutes effective practice at a local level
- Inform future DfE policy by highlighting thematic areas where there are gaps in effective practice or where effective practice is more difficult to find.

We need your **help with building a bank of effective practice examples**. Please use the form attached to send us examples where you are confident there is some evidence of effective practice (the criteria for effective practice are on the form). The NCB research team will use these to do an initial analysis of strengths, gaps and possible areas for research followed by the development of research tools and some follow-up interviews and more detailed analysis. Please return the form to TShorrock@ncb.org.uk **by January 15th 2020**, and if you have any questions, please contact Tristan.