



## Coral Lindsay (The Donkey Field Pre-School, Crawley Down)

My name is Coral Lindsay, and I am the Manager of our charity Donkey Field Pre-School. I have strived to improve my knowledge and understanding of child development, and successfully gained my BA HONS 8 years ago. I have worked for the setting for 23 years, both as the Deputy Manager and now Manager. I run a team of 10 staff, and we support the care and education of up to 30 per day, from 2.5 years to school age.

I continue to be very passionate about child development, education and Special Educational Needs, working very closely with a wide range of diverse multi agency teams. I am very interested in being an active part of representing the voice of childcare providers and the children, to reflect their needs to improve services and outcomes.

At present, evidence demonstrates there is a childcare provision issue within our local area, with very few choices for parents to access wrap around care, childminders and Early years spaces. In addition, services are stretched, with long waiting times for services such as SLT, SEND and EHCP. Having collected voices and views can help us to network and support each other to improve services, and ensure ALL children are able to reach their own individual potential.