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Important News: Care to Learn 2009/10 application forms

We are issuing this bulletin to give important information to recipients, particularly Childcare Providers, about Care to Learn (C2L). Please disseminate this information to any Childcare Providers or any other interested stakeholders you have contact with.

The demand for Care to Learn application forms so far for 09/10 has seen a considerable increase from previous years and, unfortunately, stocks of application forms have now run out. Although larger numbers of forms were originally ordered (due to forms being unavailable to download this year) we have already despatched some 20,000 Care to Learn applications to providers, agencies and learners.

Additional stocks have been ordered and will be available for despatch by 11th September. If necessary, until stocks can be issued, we suggest that Learning Providers and Connexions centres share their stocks of packs with others locally.

Application forms can continue to be requested from the helpline and will be despatched as soon as stocks arrive.

We ask Childcare Providers to bear with us during this time and assure you that, whilst we cannot confirm that any individual will be eligible to receive childcare funding prior to receipt of an application, should the learner be eligible for C2L, we are applying discretion to the 28 day rule, to ensure young parents receive this support.

It is the role of Connexions staff to support young parents with their applications for funding and with sourcing a Childcare Provider. Please note that Connexions do not issue Care to Learn funding to Childcare Providers. Please do not contact Connexions with payment queries as they will not be able to give you any information.

If you have any queries regarding the payment of Care to Learn please contact the Learner Support Service Helpline:

Provider helpline: **0845 600 7979**

Learner helpline: **0800 121 8989**