

Meet our Early Years team



Nicola Wardropper Childcare Team Lead

About me

I have two adult children, Ben and Megan. Ben is a teacher in a primary school and Megan works for the NHS. I am really interested in mental health and wellbeing and I enjoy going for walks down the beach to relax.

I love my job and am passionate about making a difference to children and their families in Sunderland.

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What I can do

- I can support with Childcare Sufficiency
- I can advise and support with safeguarding procedures and carry out Safeguarding and Welfare requirements checks
- I deliver training and briefing sessions, including DSL Safeguarding training
- I can support providers to prepare for Ofsted and offer support following inspection
- I provide advice and guidance to Childminders and daycare settings around EYFS and Ofsted requirements
- I can help with any funding queries and DAF applications

What I have done

- I have worked in the early years sector for nearly 20 years
- I started out as a nursery cook where my passion for early years care and education started
- I have been a Nursery Practitioner, Nursery Manager and an Area Manager of a large childcare organisation responsible for nine nurseries
- I have carried out Ofsted Early Year's inspections of PVI providers and childminders across the North East
- I have a degree in Early Years Education and achieved Early Years Professional Status
- I am currently completing a qualification in Early Years Mental Health
- I have been an Early Years Advisor for the NDNA