



## Discretionary Criteria 2021/22

For practitioners and agencies supporting applicants for a Good Time to be 2

### Note:

- We have a limited budget that could fund some discretionary spaces.
- This criteria can only be used if applicants don't meet eligibility in Part 4 of the application form (receipt of benefit / open to children and families).
- Applications under this criteria will only be considered if they include a statement from an agency or worker supporting the family.
- Please complete the supporting statement and send this with the completed 'A Good Time To Be 2' application form and include the:
  - Child's birth certificate or passport
  - Proof of residency, such as council tax notice, child benefit letter or utility bill

### The discretionary criteria:

1. **Children with Additional Support Needs:** This criteria applies to children with complex additional support needs whereby the child would not be able to access learning without the provision of additional support. Supporting Evidence - Application supported by a statement from the **Early Years Support Team** or **Paediatrician** based on complexity and needs of the child stating the reason why it is felt the child would benefit from a placement.
2. **Child or parents/carer with critical or terminal illness:** This criteria applies when either a child or parent is critically or terminally ill where their 2 year old would benefit from a placement. Supporting Evidence – Supporting statement **from health visitor or another child/family key professional** stating the reason why it is felt the child would benefit from a placement.
3. **Bereavement – death of parent or main carer:** Supporting Evidence – Supporting statement from **health visitor or other professional** involved with the family stating the reason why it is felt the child would benefit from a placement.
4. **Team Around the Child and Wellbeing meetings:** Supporting Evidence - Supporting statement from **Team Around the Child/Wellbeing meeting** stating the reason why it is felt the child would benefit from a placement.
5. **Domestic Violence:** This criteria applies to families of 2 year old where there is definite or suspected domestic violence or abuse. The abuse can encompass, but is not limited to: psychological, physical, sexual, financial and emotional. Supporting Evidence - Supporting statement from **key professional** stating the reason why it is felt the child would benefit from a placement.
6. **Family Nurse Partnership (FNP):** This criteria can be used when a family has been supported by the FNP team. Supporting Evidence – Supporting statement from **FNP team** stating the reason why it is felt the child would benefit from a placement.
7. **Parent / carer with a care experience background:** This criteria can be used if parent / carer of a 2 year old is from a care experienced background. Supporting Evidence – Supporting statement from someone who has supported the parent/carer in a professional capacity to confirm care experience. If unable to provide confirmation from a professional person, please let us know.

**\*Families in crisis may be considered for a discretionary space. Further permissions will be sought from families to discuss their application with professionals from Children's Services.**



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## Discretionary Criteria Supporting Statement

### Family Details

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Supporting Professional's Details

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship with applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address/ contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

### Discretionary criteria applied for (Tick):

- Children with Additional Support Needs
- Child or parents/carer with critical or terminal illness
- Bereavement – death of parent or main carer
- Team Around the Child and EIP meetings
- Domestic Violence
- FNP
- Parent / carer with a care experience background

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### Supporting statement

*If more space needed please attach a separate sheet.*

Please specify what other document are attached:

1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

**NB: This supporting statement must be attached to the form before the application can be processed. Please also ensure the Child's birth certificate or passport and Proof of residency, such as council tax notice, child benefit letter or utility bill are attached before sending.**

**If possible please return your application form to:  
Myra Henderson, Senior Support Assistant, Early Learning and Childcare, Fairfield House, 8  
Lothian Road, Dalkeith, EH22 3AA**