

P-06-1362 Match the new childcare offer in England of 15 hours for 2 year old's from April 2024

This petition was submitted by Madelaine Hallam, having collected a total of 407 signatures.

Text of Petition:

The UK Government have announced that from April 2024 all working parents of two-year-olds will be able to access 15 hours of free childcare.

However, this benefit will not apply to all working families in Wales, as the equivalent "flying start" program will not expand to all areas. This leaves Welsh families thousands of pounds worse off than English counterparts, despite claims from the first minister that the welsh offer is "better" as its 48 weeks instead of 38 for 3 and 4 year olds.

Additional Information:

A link to the English offer;

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2023/03/16/budget-2023-everything-you-need-to-know-about-childcare-support/>

When Mark Drayford was questioned on the topic

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-politics-65026019>.

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