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Feedback from the Senior project Officer -EYCC
Parents Voice Quarter 3
Pages 12 -13
We have reviewed pages 12-13 in the report, and suggest a wider response is needed to address the concerns raised by the responses received. I think this includes both the HAF programme, eligibility and wider support for families during the holidays. I would therefore suggest that you need to offer families more information about Family Hubs, where families can access wider support.

Lincolnshire has continued to strengthen its SEND offer through the development of more specialist and inclusive provision. During 2025, the HAF programme welcomed 11 new providers across Lincolnshire, significantly increasing both the diversity and reach of provision. This included a number of SEND-focused providers and expanded opportunities for older children and young people through secondary-age provision.

Alongside this expansion, the Local Authority has invested in increasing support for children with more complex needs. This has included enhanced SEND provision across the county. Providers have also developed family-focused activities and trips, helping ensure children and young people with additional needs can participate in enriching experiences that might otherwise be inaccessible.

All HAF providers can apply for Inclusion Grant funding to help them secure the resources, staffing, training, or specialist support required to meet the needs of eligible children and young people. This approach aims to embed inclusion throughout the wider programme rather than limiting support to a specific allocation, with 42% of all HAF bookings by Children and Young People with SEND.

Our focus continues to be on increasing the availability, quality, and inclusivity of HAF provision across Lincolnshire, ensuring all eligible targeted FSM children and young people can access a range of opportunities that meet their individual needs.

Please visit the booking system using this link: www.eequ.org/lincolnshirehaf

For wider support during the holidays, and to find out what's available at Lincolnshire Best Start Family Hubs, please visit Best Start in Life – Lincolnshire County Council