

## Appendix 1 - Consultation on the Revised SLA and Funding Model for Enhanced Provisions in EY Settings

A pack was shared with parents through the Brent Parent Carer Forum (BPCF) and to all of Brent's Early Years settings including the MNS and PVI sector nurseries, as well as child minders. This pack included a brief on the proposed changes to the current funding structure, as well as a copy of the revised ARP SLA. In total 21 responses were received including 17 from professionals and four from parents.

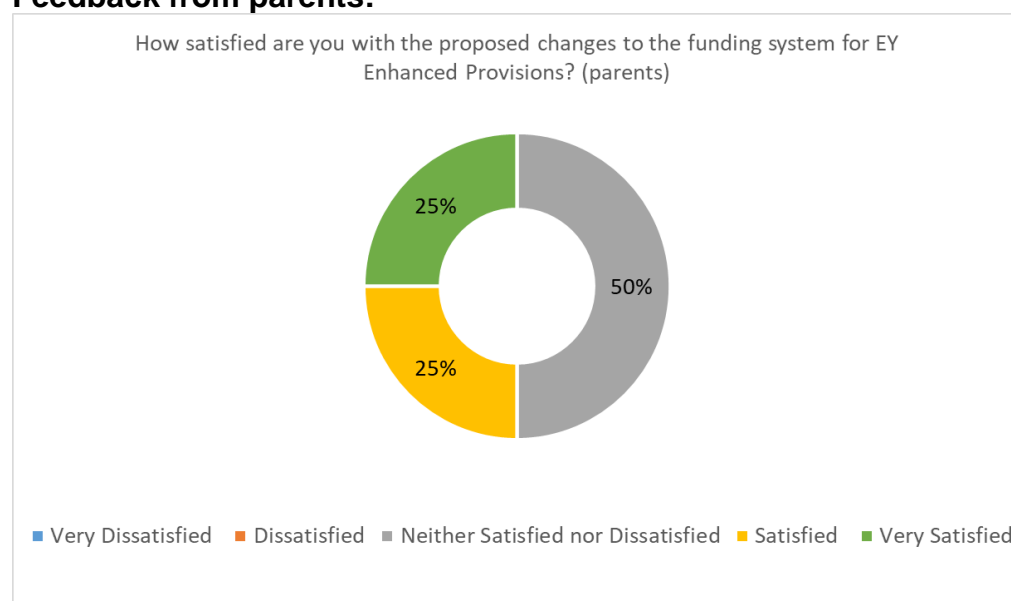
### Key insights regarding the Funding structure included:

- Feedback was generally positive with 50% very satisfied and satisfied parents as well as 57% of professionals which were very satisfied and satisfied with the proposed changes to the funding structure.
- Changes to the requirements to be allocated an Enhanced place were welcomed. Feedback agreed with these changes looking to "Speed up time from when need is established to disbursement of funds."
- This consultation highlights a desire for "More training & support for PVI settings".

### Key insights regarding the revised SLA included:

- Feedback was positive overall with 64% of professionals feeling very satisfied and satisfied.
- It has been said that the revised SLA have "built in more flexibility around" around the allocation of Enhanced Provision places, which "is likely to have a positive impact on support for children".
- Feedback indicates that the SLA establishes "clear guidelines on how additional funds are to be used".
- Concerns were raised regarding the notice for termination as well as the KPIs.

### Feedback from parents:

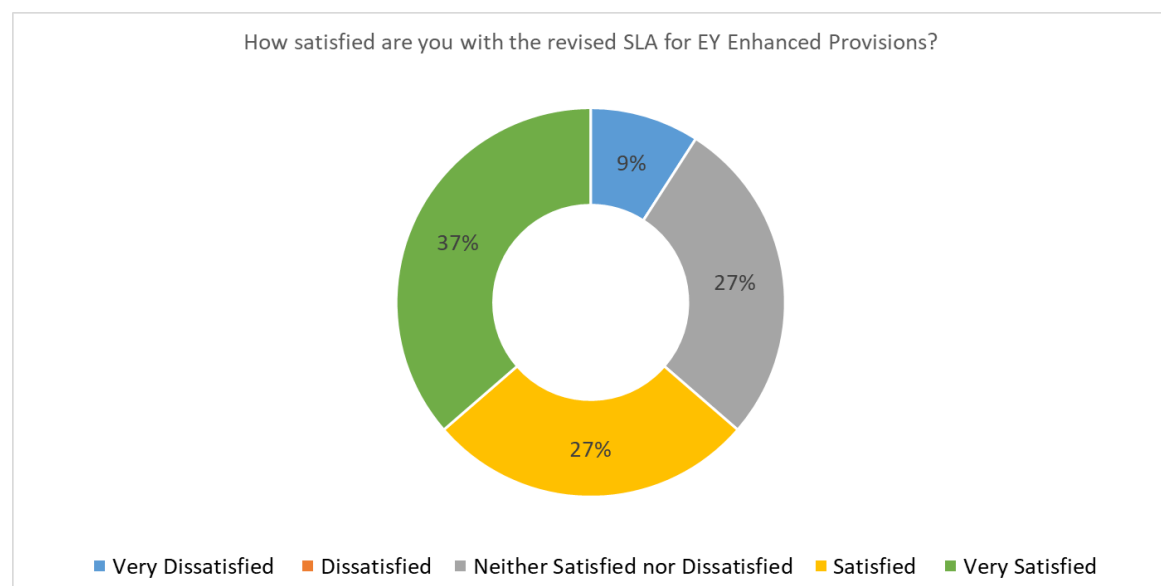
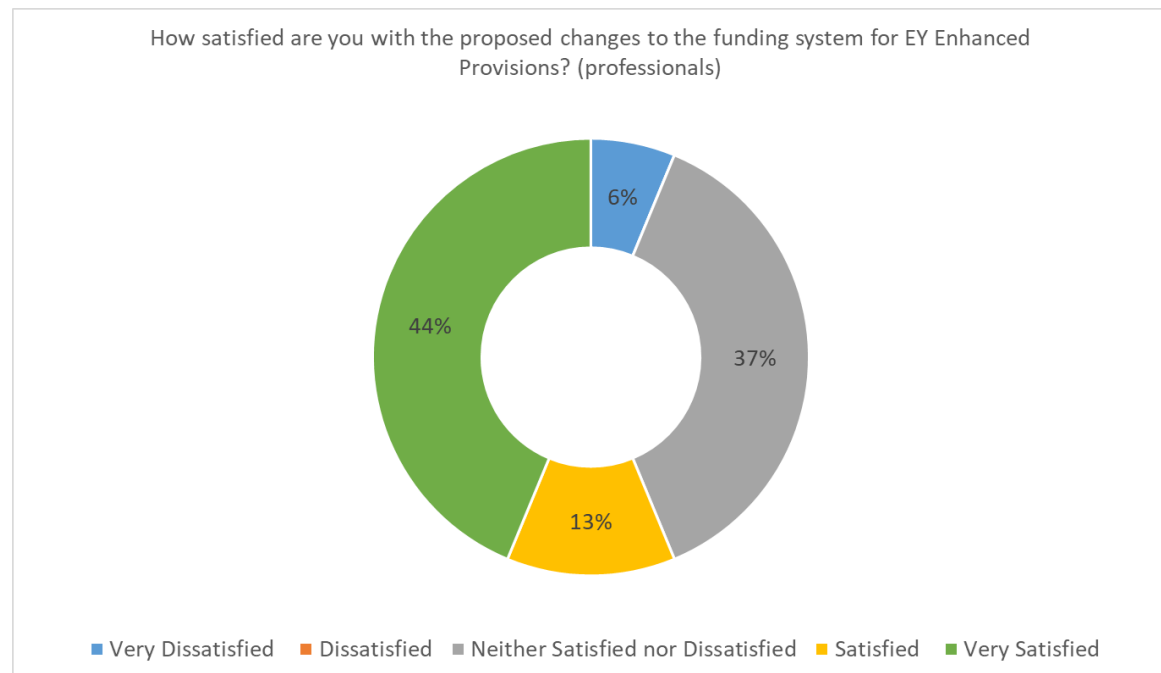


### Quotes from parents:

*“Will be great this funding for early education for kids. They will have more support in school. More activities what will develop them. Will be nice to introduce in the school an Aba therapist who will work with the kids’ special needs education.”*

*“This review and remodelling seem helpful and the most positive is providing support earlier without the need for lengthy EHCPs before support can be provided.”*

### **Feedback from Professionals**



Quotes from the professionals:

*"The updated SLA provides more flexibility regarding enhanced provision, particularly in terms of staffing and children accessing places." - MNS*

*"I am happy to see that more financial help is given to settings to cope with the SEN area, as we have never turned down any child regardless of their need but sometimes it meant struggling financially, so happy to see this changing as we plan to cater for all children that cross our doors regardless of their needs." – PVI setting*

*"I however feel there's always less support for PVI's. For example, if I apply for additional support at the start (for admission) then I will receive funding at band 1 and will be stuck on this for a full year. When and if the child has more severe needs (with evidence) then it would be unfair to be stuck on band 1 but provide band 3 care and support for the child for the rest of the year." – PVI setting*

*"Based on the consultation it would seem that the local authority is now taking action to address the burden that providers have faced for many years. We have faced significant delays in funding at Panel leading to low funding support or delayed to additional funding to the point that we may only have one term of benefits. I am hoping your changes will have a positive impact."- Feedback from PVI via email.*