

## **Pearson Assessment responds to the call for more Early Years Interventions by MP Graham Allen**

This week a report by MP Graham Allen, underlined the importance of 'regular assessments of all pre-school children, focusing on their social and emotional development' and called for the establishment of an early intervention foundation – a view supported by Pearson Assessment.

For over 90 years, Pearson Assessment has been using their experience as the leading test publisher and developer, to address the needs of Early Years children and the range of professionals in this field. From the publication of the Pre-School Screening Test (PREST) and the Early Repetition Battery (ERB), to the Social Skills Improvement System (SSIS) and the Bayley Scales of Infant and Toddler Development.



### **'The value of assessment'**

Chris Hall, MD of Pearson Assessment, comments that 'The regular assessment of children from early years is crucial in supporting and auditing children's development, and is a key way of ensuring that the necessary interventions are put into place at an early stage.'

'As test developers we recognise the value that assessment has and our early years materials are aimed at ensuring children are given the best possible start in life; paving the way for the 'school readiness' that MP Graham Allen has identified.'

### **Supporting parents-to-be**

The call for a national parenting programme in the UK was welcomed, with the recent publication of the revised Working in Partnership: the Family Partnership Model by Hilton Davies and Crispin Day. Pearson Assessment is keen to use the tested tools they have in place to help develop and support this program, and work along side the government in its establishment.

To speak to an advisor about your assessment needs contact us on 0845 630 8888.

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### **Notes to editors:**

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