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School Direct (Early Years) initial teacher training (ITT): lead organisations

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Overview

School Direct (Early Years) places are allocated to lead organisations

(schools and nurseries). This approach to teacher training enables lead organisations to work in partnership with accredited ITT providers. School Direct (Early Years) lets lead organisations:

- influence how early years teachers are trained
- recruit trainees that best meet their partnerships' needs
- offer trainees work after completing their training within the group of schools/nurseries they trained in
- decide which accredited ITT provider to work with under a partnership agreement

2.

Lead organisations

2.1 London

Lead organisation	Region
Barnet Early Years Alliance	London
Bright Horizons Family Solutions	London/National
Crofton Schools Academy Trust	London
Early Foundations Teaching School Alliance	London
New Wave Teaching School Alliance	London

2.2 North East

Lead organisation	Region
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2.3 West Midlands

Lead organisation

Region

[Hereford Marches Federation of Academies](#)

West Midlands

2.4 Yorkshire and Humber

Lead organisation



Region

[Pudsey Primrose Hill - Teaching School Alliance](#)

Yorkshire and Humber

[St Edmunds Nursery School](#)

Yorkshire and Humber



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