## <u>ANONYMOUS 17255 - New submission from Early Years Strategy - Public Submissions</u>

All I want is to be supported by governments to be home with my baby for the first two years of their life. That's great that you acknowledge the first five years of life is so fundamental to childrens long term development, however parents should be the one to help scaffold this, which just isn't occurring. Seeing the early childhood sector who have educators returning straight back to work once their babies are 4 months old because there is no financial support for mothers to be off longer, especially in the sector of early childhood which offers no funded time off for new mums in the award. This is what I want and I am sure many others parents wish this was the case too.