<u>ANONYMOUS 17460 - New submission from Early Years Strategy - Public Submissions</u>

- -more support for postpartum depression
- -better pay for teachers and early educators, however more stricter guidelines to ensure those teaching our children are qualified appropriately
- -improved maternity leave; support parents regardless of gender and relationship title
- -more support groups for parents; NOT 'mothers group' but parents group so all parents can feel more involved
- -scrap the societal pressures on mums to bounce back to work
- -support workplaces that have parents on 'maternity leave'
- -first three years of our lives are so important to our brains development...emotional connection is vital. Parents should be supported in the option to provide this to their child