



HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

Stephen Morgan MP  
Minister for Early Education  
Department for Education  
By Email

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Dear Stephen Morgan

I am writing on behalf of a constituent facing difficulties accessing the 30 hours free childcare due to living in Herefordshire while using a childcare setting in Wales.

Herefordshire Council has confirmed that English 30-hour codes are only valid in England, while Welsh codes apply solely in Wales. Additionally, residents in England cannot apply for the Welsh scheme, and vice versa. This creates challenges for families living near the border.

Does your Department have any plans to address this issue and allow 30-hour childcare codes to be used across the England-Wales border?

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "E Chowns".

**Ellie Chowns MP**  
**Member of Parliament for North Herefordshire**  
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