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Childcare reforms can help ‘release the power of work’, leading think-tank says

Responding to Government plans to raise nursery ratios to cut childcare costs, Christian Guy, Managing Director of the Centre for Social Justice (CSJ), said:

“The UK’s childcare system has for too long been unaffordable, inflexible and a barrier into work for parents. The measures being brought forward by the Government have the potential to help parents of young children who want to work into employment.

“It is crucial that quality is never compromised and we believe these proposed changes can raise entry-level requirements, simplify qualifications and ensure the profession commands greater respect.

“For a long time the CSJ has called for greater flexibility around adult-to-child ratios at crunch moments, as we believe it could improve affordability and raise pay for early-years professionals.

“If these changes allow childminders in our poorest communities to enhance care without pricing themselves out of the market, it will be a positive step forward and help to release the power of work for many low-income parents.”

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NOTES TO EDITORS

The Centre for Social Justice (CSJ) is an independent think tank established in 2004 to put social justice at the heart of British politics.

In 2007 the CSJ published its landmark report, *Breakthrough Britain*. This publication,

which set out 190 evidence-based policy recommendations to tackle poverty in Britain, transformed the social policy and political landscape and was awarded Publication of the Year by *Prospect* Magazine in 2008.

Since *Breakthrough Britain* the CSJ has published over 40 reports which have shaped government policy and influenced opposition parties. These have included the seminal papers *Dying To Belong* and *Dynamic Benefits*, which has led the Coalition Government's welfare reforms.

Further to this, the CSJ manages an Alliance of over 300 of the most effective grass roots, poverty-fighting organisations.

The CSJ is able to draw upon the expertise and experience of Alliance charities for research work and media inquiries. Journalists wishing to conduct grass-roots research into social problems can be put in touch with front-line charity directors and staff.