

# Working in Partnership to Deliver the 2 Year Old Offer

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# who we are

- National membership organisation for children's nurseries across the UK
- Registered charity since 1999
- Promoting quality in early years
- Specialist support for children's nurseries
- Support to local authorities

# free nursery education for 2 year olds

- Government intends to introduce a legal requirement to secure free provision so that specified 2 year olds will be entitled to 570 hrs of free early education
- 20% most disadvantaged 2 year olds (approx. 130,000 children) entitled from September 2013
- Extended to 40% of children from September 2014
- 260,000 2 year olds entitled to a free place by 2014/15
- Additional investment reaching £760mill by 2014/15

# survey findings

**The sector is ready to deliver!**

- **37% currently involved in providing funded places for 2 year olds**
- **63% said they are ‘definitely’ or ‘very likely’ to get involved**
- **Reasons quoted for keenness to be involved:**
  - 1. opportunity to extend their support to disadvantaged children and**
  - 2. supporting occupancy**
- **On average, nurseries expected to offer 10 places**

# survey findings

- 74% said the funding they receive covers their costs
- Funding shortfalls ranged from 35p - £4hr
- Reasons quoted for reluctance to be involved:
  1. lack of capacity and
  2. uncertainty about sustainability
- Nearly half had not yet heard from their LA about plans for September 2012

# developing provision

**43% stated they need support to get involved in delivering the offer**

**Most commonly quoted support:**

- **Early year practice for 2 year olds**
- **Additional needs**
- **Financial / business planning**
- **Operation planning**

# developing provision

## Other support needs quoted:

- Supporting parenting skills
- Behaviour management
- Capital funding to increase capacity
- Higher level child protection training

# quality criteria

## Criteria for delivering 2 year old places by September 2012

Conditions	Percentage
Good or outstanding Ofsted rating only	47%
Good or outstanding Ofsted plus additional conditions	29%
Satisfactory Ofsted rating plus additional conditions	17%



# quality criteria

**Additional conditions most commonly quoted were:**

- **Participation in a local authority quality assurance scheme**
- **Workforce e.g. EYP in place**
- **Participation in a provider network**
- **Participation in a national quality improvement scheme**

# additional support for children

**69% providing funded places said they need to offer additional support**

- **Developmental delay**
- **Working with social workers**
- **Involvement in regular case conference meetings**
- **Home visits**
- **Increased non-contact time to complete paperwork**
- **Additional needs requiring one-to-one support**

# additional support for children

- Working with health professionals
- Sending staff on relevant training courses to help them meet the child's needs
- Investing a higher than usual amount of time working with and supporting parents
- Close involvement in child protection cases

# additional support for children

*“The children need more support with speech and language and PSE”.*

*“Child protection conferences, one-to-one assessments and observations on a more regular basis, additional training and one-to-one meetings with the two year olds’ key worker”.*

# recommendations

- Funding must cover cost of delivery
- Support to access capital funding
- Reducing overheads
- Sector-specific support
- Support for workforce development
- Prompt engagement

# Thank You

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