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The Implementation Plan 2001 – 2002

Introduction

The Buckinghamshire Early Years Development and Childcare Partnerships Implementation Plan has three main purposes:

- 1. to review the progress of the Partnership during the past twelve months in meeting its targets
- 2. to set out priorities and targets for the coming year, including means of resourcing
- 3. to show how progress made and objectives set contribute to the targets in the Partnership's Strategic Plan 2001-04

Last Year's Targets

Review of progress towards targets in the 2000-01 Development Plan

Target	Progress	Outcome/Further action
Annex One (a) There will be increased employer involvement in the work of the Partnership.	This continues to be a difficult target. A joint audit is underway with Luton's Early Years Development and Childcare (EYDC) Partnership to take this further.	A more precise strategy with allocated staff time is included in the EYDCP Strategic Plan 2001-04.
Annex One (b) A protocol will be in place to ensure co-operative working practices between team and agencies working to support providers in the private and voluntary sector.	Good progress has been made. A meeting has taken place with Ofsted to discuss protocol arising from the new arrangements for children's day care advisers to come under Ofsted's overall management. Implications of the move have been discussed with Social Services.	This target is being met. Time will be made to ensure discussion takes place with the appropriate personnel about the working protocol and the way forward.
Annex Two The Equal Opportunities Policy and Action Plan will have been issued to all providers of early education and childcare and been made available to the general public	Good progress has been made. The 2000-01 documents have been distributed. The Equal Opportunities Sub- group has met regularly and produced the next set of plans.	This target has been met. The Equal Opportunities Strategic Plan 2001-04 and Implementation Plan 2001-02 are complete.
Annex Three A strategy will be agreed to target funded places for 3 year olds in areas of greatest social deprivation.	The Partnership's Sub-group for 3 year old provision has met regularly. A strategy for targeting places has been agreed and implemented for 2000-01.	This target has been met. A strategy to extend provision of 3 year old places to rural areas and wider areas of urban deprivation is included in the 2001-02 Plan.

Annex Four (a) The childcare information needs of the ethnic communities will be specifically targeted, drawing on all available expertise in this field. Annex Four (b)	Reasonable progress has been made. All Early Years Development and Childcare (EYDCP) Team publications are now translated into appropriate languages. The EYDC Team has attended all the Communication Fairs and other opportunities to contact members of the ethnic communities direct have been sought.	This target is being met. The Communications Sub-group will continue to address this issue. The Equal Opportunities Implementation Plan 2001-02 sets out further specific action for this target.
A further 445 out-of-school club places will have been created.	The appointment of an additional childcare development officer has enabled very good progress to be made. Supportive networks have been set up and strategies for sustainability are in place.	This target has been met. Targets for 2001-04 are in line with national targets.
Annex Four (c) A further 145 childcare places (0-5 years) will have been created.	The majority of these places have been provided by childminders; the rest by private and voluntary settings.	This target has been exceeded.
Annex four (d) A childcare Support and Development Strategy will be in place, drawing together the different organisations and bodies involved in the provision and support of childcare.	A multi-agency group has been set up; membership includes the Social Services and Health Departments, voluntary organisations and the EYDC Team. It is working to develop a strategy for effective collaborative working.	This target is on the way to being met. The multi-agency group will continue to meet and develop the strategy further, in line with the EYDC Partnership's Plan 2001-02, the Children's Services Plan and Quality Protects Plan.
Annex Four (e) An effective marketing strategy will be in place.	Effective links with the Corporate Communications Department are now in place and are starting to bear fruit. Small items are now appearing regularly in the local press. Marketing the move of the CIS into Buckinghamshire and for the recruitment campaign has been tendered out in line with the principles of Beat Value.	A bid for marketing will be included in the Childcare Grant Bid, to strengthen marketing activity.
Annex Five (f) A Buckinghamshire Quality Assurance Scheme will be in place.	in line with the principles of Best Value. Plans to develop the scheme in association with the Partnership's first choice organisation fell through, as it proved inappropriate for Buckinghamshire's providers. Plans have now progressed well with the Sheffield EYDC Partnership to develop their scheme for Buckinghamshire.	The Sheffield scheme will be initially piloted in Buckinghamshire with 10 providers in 2001-02.
Annex Five (g) 10% of providers will be working towards the Quality Standard Mark.	The Sheffield Quality Kitemark will not be finally approved until April 2002.	From April 2002 the number of providers working towards the Quality Standard Mark is expected to increase steadily year on year.
Annex Five (h) A Childminding Network will be established.	Lack of funding to appoint a Childminding Network Co- ordinator made this target impossible to achieve in 2000- 01. New grant funding to appoint a Childminding Network Co-ordinator will enable progress to be made.	The 20001-02 Childcare Grant Bid will include funds to appoint a Childminding Network Co-ordinator and a revised target of 2 networks in place by 2004.

Annex Five (I) The range of play experience for $0 - 14$ year olds will be increased.	The childcare training programme included a significant element on developing play experiences.	This target has been met. There will be continued emphasis on play experiences within the next year's childcare training programme.
Annex Five (j) The standards in out-of-school clubs will have improved	Two out-of-school childcare development officers have been working intensively to support clubs in improving quality.	This target has been met. The contract with Children's Information Centre (CIC) in Reading for out-of- school club development ends at the end of April 2001. An increased EYDC Team in Buckinghamshire will assume the development role.
Annex five (k) A communication strategy will be in place. Annex Five (L)	The Partnership's Communications Sub-group is now in place and making progress. The Partnership web-site had approximately 4-6 pages by the end of December 2000.	This target is being met. The sub-group will continue to extend its range of communication strategies. This will be linked to the marketing strategy.
There will be increased Childcare opportunities for employees.	This has been a difficult target to achieve. Engaging with employers continues to be a major objective of the Partnership (See Target 1 above)	Renewed efforts will be made to raise employers' awareness of the benefits of work life balance. The appointment of additional childcare development staff from April 2001, and the development of the CIS will hopefully make a positive impact.
Annex Five (m) There will be an increase in the number of trained childcare workers and early years specialists who take up Employment in these fields.	An audit to ascertain numbers of staff recruited is underway. The expansion of childcare services that has taken place this year indicates a significant increase in numbers of staff employed. Severe recruitment difficulties remain. A series of roadshows have taken place to raise awareness of opportunities in this field. The Children's Information Service (CIS) is currently managing the national recruitment campaign for Buckinghamshire.	This target is being met. Roadshows and other forms of recruitment activity will continue to be vigorously pursued next year.
Annex Five (n) Information about Childcare Tax Credits will be widely available to parents and carers.	Publications have been widely distributed across the county and information is continuously available through the CIS.	This target is being met More publicity work is planned for next year.

Annex Five (o) A comprehensive and inclusive training and qualifications programme in childcare and early years education is available to all providers.	A comprehensive programme of short courses and courses leading to qualifications has been available to all providers; funding was provided through the Standards Fund and the Training and Enterprise Council (TEC).	This target is being met. Contact will be made with the new Learning Skills Council to establish the number of qualifications courses needed in Buckinghamshire. An agreement with Continuing Education and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) will be in place to broaden the opportunities for providers, and assist with administration of the training programme.
Annex Six There will be a project plan in place to transfer the Buckinghamshire Children's Information Service physically into Buckinghamshire	A Children's Information Service Project Group is handling plans for transfer.	This target has been met.
Annex Eight (a) A Cluster Group Network will be in place to enable providers in the private and voluntary sectors to access guidance on special educational needs.	All 20 Cluster Groups met during the Autumn term 2000. The Early Years Advisory Teacher and the Early Years Educational Psychologist have used the meetings to give guidance and training in special educational needs (SEN) and the role of the SEN co-ordinator (SENCO).	This target has been met. The cluster group network will continue to be developed within the County's new SEN structure.
Annex Eight (b) A comprehensive training Programme to develop services for children with a special educational need and/or disability will be in place and available to all providers.	The Partnership's SEN Strategy Sub-group is actively engaged in ensuring a range of support is available to all providers. The programme of training on SEN issues has been well supported by providers from all sectors.	This target has been met. A training programme open to all providers will continue to be available. Additionally the SEN Implementation Plan 2001-02 includes 3 days training for upto 30% of nominated SEN co- ordinators (SENCOs).
Annex Eight (c) A communication strategy will be in place to ensure equal access to information for parents and carers of children with special education need and/or disability.	The EYDC Team has liased with the Education Department's Parent Partnership team to ensure that parents have access to the appropriate information. The Buckinghamshire CIS also makes a significant contribution to this target.	Progress is being made towards this target. The work will continue next year.
Annex Eight (d) Consultation with parents and carers of children with a special educational need and/or disability.	This is a major function of the Parent Partnership. The EYDCP works closely with this team.	The Partnership sees this as an ongoing target.

Reviewing the Plan

This Plan should be read in conjunction with the Early Years Development and Childcare Partnerships Strategic Plan 2001-04. It is concerned with the 2001-02 targets and shows how Buckinghamshire will through the Business Objectives achieve the stated target.

Each target will be reviewed termly through the work of the relevant Sub-group. The entire Implementation Plan will be review annually as part of the process of preparation for the following year.

Annex 1. Early Education and Childcare Places

Early Education Places

	Buckinghamshire's three year old target 2001-02
Target 1	To provide 2305 free part time early years education places for all parents who want one

Table 1	_		
Three year olds in:	Summer 2001	Autumn 2001	Spring 2002
New funded places in LEA nursery classes and schools	745	745	745
New funded places in LA day nurseries and family centres	N/A	N/A	N/A
Funded places in private, voluntary and independent sector (including: nurseries; pre- schools; early years groups; independent schools; SEN schools; registered childminders in an approved network)	1560	1560	1560
Total	2305	2305	2305

Three year old Business Objectives	Partnership lead officer	Resourcing
1. First offer funded places to settings in rural areas and those in pockets of urban deprivation and surrounding areas.	Head of Early Years and Childcare	Nursery Education Grant
 Many settings in these areas are struggling financially. Supporting them will ensure the Partnership's aims of maintaining parental choice and assisting lower income families to gain access to affordable provision are met. It will also ensure capacity for further expansion of three year old places. 		
2. The three year old funding Sub-group to meet on a termly basis to review the funding currently 3 terms per child.	Head of Early Years and Childcare	

The following tables show how three year old provision in Buckinghamshire will be developed from 2002-04

Table 2

Three year olds in :	Summer 2002	Autumn 2002	Spring 2003
New funded places in LEA nursery classes and schools	745	745	745
New funded places in LA day nurseries and family centres	N/A	N/A	N/A
Funded places in private, voluntary and independent sector	1974	1974	1974
(including: nurseries; pre-schools; early years groups;			
independent schools; SEN schools; registered childminders in an			
approved network			
Total	2919	2919	2919

Table 3

Three year olds in:	Summer 2003	Autumn 2003	Spring 2004
New funded places in LEA nursery classes and schools	745	745	745
New funded places in LA day nurseries and family centres	N/A	N/A	N/A
Funded places in private, voluntary and independent sector	1821	1821	1821
(including: nurseries; pre-schools; early years groups;			
independent schools; SEN schools; registered childminders in an			
approved network			
Total	3566	3566	3566

Annex 2. Childcare Places

	Buckinghamshire's target for out of school childcare places
Target 2	To have set up 600 of new out of school childcare places for 1200 children

Table 4

2001-2002 targets	Quarter one	Quarter two	Quarter Three	Quarter four	Totals
Out of school childcare;	68	80	180	180	508
Voluntary sector					
Private sector	12	20	40	20	92
(not inc. childminding					
places)					
Maintained sector	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	80	100	220	200	600
Pre-school* childcare;	12	12	24	18	66
Voluntary sector					
Private sector	0	12	0	12	24
(not inc. childminding					
places)					

Maintained sector	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	12	24	24	30	90
Childminded places	34	34	68	34	170
Places via start-up-grant					
(Out of school)					
Places via start-up grant	79	79	160	79	397
(Pre School					
Places not via start-up	20	20	43	20	103
grant					
(Out of school)					
Places not via start-up	48	48	98	48	242
grant					
(Pre-school)					
Totals	181	181	369	181	912
Column Totals	273	305	613	411	1602
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	Buckinghamshire's Childcare Targets						
Target 3	To ensure sufficient support is available to ensure 80% of NOF sponsored childcare						
	places remain viable after 5 years						
Target 4	To ensure a net increase of places in 2001-02 occurs to contribute to the targets in the Strategic Plan 2001-04						

	ildcare Business Objectives	Partnership	Resourcing
Ch	ildcare Places	Lead Officer	
1.	Increase the Childcare Development workforce from 1 to 3	Childcare	Childcare
	officers	Development	Grant
		Manager	
2.	Refocus the work of the Pre-school Learning Alliance (PsLA)	Childcare	Childcare
	Development Workers to support the development of wrap around	Development	Grant
	Provision in pre-schools.	Manager	
3.	Target areas of disadvantage for the expansion of out-of-school	Childcare	Childcare
	provision for 5-14 year olds.	Development	Grant
		Manager	
4.	Provide strategic direction for the Childcare Development Officers	Childcare	Childcare
	ensuring that 4 local areas of disadvantage in Buckinghamshire are	Development	Grant
	targeted, together with 2 additional areas which have a high	Manager	
	concentration of ethnic minorities		
5.	Encourage schools, especially those in rural areas to develop out-of-	Childcare	Childcare
	school childcare	Development	Grant
		Manager	
Su	stainability		
6.	Recruit a Business Support Officer to support Childcare Providers with	Childcare	Childcare
	sustainability issues	Development	Grant
		Manager	
7.	Provide groups with access to Sustainability funds	Childcare	Childcare
		Development	Grant
		Manager	

Target 5	To set up 316 childcare places with childminders in areas other than those of				
	disadvantage				
Target 6	To set up: 20 childcare places in private and voluntary pre-schools				
	90 childcare places with childminders				
Target 7	To set up 1 complete childminder network				
Target 8	To create 72 daycare/wraparound care places in playgroups				

Ch	ildminding Business Objectives	Partnership Lead Officer	Funding Source
1.	Promote the Childminder Start up Grant through	Childminding	Childcare
		Services Manager	Grant
L ·	the Childcare Recruitment campaign		
<u>ا • ا</u>	the Children's Day Care Advisors (until September 2001)		
L • .	targeted advertising including posters and leaflets in libraries.		
2.	Draw up criteria to ensure the Childminder Start up Grant is awarded	Childcare	Childminder
	to	Development	Start Up
	Support targeted childcare development.	Manager	grant
3.	Recruit a Childminding Network Co-ordinator.	Childminding	Childcare
		Services Manager	Grant

Target 9To continue disseminating information about the Childcare Tax Credit

Childcare Tax Credit Business Objective	Partnership Lead Officer	Funding Source
1. Make information about the Childcare Tax Credit available through:	Childcare	Childcare
 The Partnership Supplement in the local press 	Development	Grant
 Inclusion of leaflets in employer information packs 	Manager	Recruitment
 The Children's Information Service 		Grant
The activity of the Business Support Officer		LEA
 The Recruitment Roadshows 		
 Translation of all Childcare Tax Credit literature 		
1. Childcare Development Officers will raise the profile of the Childcare	Childcare	Childcare
Tax Credit with local groups wishing to set up childcare. The	Development	Grant
feasibility studys will include questions on the Childcare Credit	Manager	
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The following tables show how childcare provision in Buckinghamshire will be developed over the next three years

Table 5

	Expected new places to be created during 2000 - 2001	2001–2002 targets	2002– 2003 targets	2003–2004 targets	Totals
Out of school childcare (not inc. childminding places	865	508	673	657	1,930
Pre-school childcare (not inc. childminding places	334	92	198	214	502
Out of school childminded places via start-up grant	113	132	81	90	416
Pre-school Childminded places via start-up grant	265	312	192	210	979
Out of school childminded places not via start-up grant	299	102	36	39	476
Pre-school childminded places not via start-up grant	697	243	81	90	1,111
Totals	2573	1389	1261	1300	5414

	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004
The number of daycare places available per	226	299	333	349
1000 population of children under 5 not in				
early education				
The no. of wrap-around places available per	489	367	356	343
1000 population of children attending early				
education				
The no. of out of school childcare places	33	39	51	64
available per 1000 pop. Children aged up to				
14 (16 SEN etc)*				

Annex 3. Raising Quality

Partnership Human Resources – This table shows how all aspects of the Partnership's work will be delivered and supported.

Table 7 Human Resources Employed **Contracted through other** Cost Source of through organisations Funding local authority Childcare Grant **Business and Finance** £30.000 1 Support for providers officer (Business Support Officer) Officer encompassing the 1 £35,000 Childcare Grant task of demand-side development **Development officers** 3 Childcare Grant Childcare Development £75.000 Officers x 3 Childcare Grant Assistant Childcare 1 £21,000 Development Officer Childcare Grant National Childminding Association x 2 £60,069 **Turners Court Youth Trust** Childcare Grant £12,000 Pre-school Learning Alliance £30.000 Childcare Grant £20,00 Childcare Grant Home-Start Wycombe PR & Recruitment Officer £29,403 Childcare Grant/ Recruitment Number of Partnership **Support Officers** Partnership Support Officer 1 £43,000 Childcare Grant Early Years Officer 1 £31.890 LEA Data Support Officer 1 £21,250 Childcare Grant Others **Continuing Education** £9.000 Childcare Grant Quality Assurance Officer £34,000 Childcare Grant **Quality Assurance Mentors** £10.000 Childcare Grant Early Years Education Psychologist 2 Portage Workers Childcare Grant £99,000 Administration Support £35,642 LEA Children's Information Service Officers x 3 £75.000 Childcare Grant Children's Information Service Administrator Childcare Grant £15000 Children's Information Service Provider Helpline Pre-school Learning Alliance £9,000 Childcare Grant Officer £6,000 Information Shop Assistants Childcare Grant

Annex 4. Recruitment

	Buckinghamshire's Recruitment Targets 2001 -02						
Target 10	To recruit an additional 170 to the childcare workforce						
Target 11	Maintain/Increase recruitment from under-represented groups as follows:						
	Men 1.5% to 1.5%						
	People with disabilities 0.5% to 0.6%						
	Ethnic minorities 4.4% - 4.5%						
	People aged 40 and over - maintain at 40.0% or above						
	The Partnership expect to see Recruitment activity in 2001-02 beginning to show an effect in						
	the last 2 years of the Plan						

The table below shows the position as at December 2000 of the current childcare workforce, with particular reference to under-represented groups.

Table 8

	Day Nursery (Full Day Care)	Childminding	Out of school clubs/holiday scheme	Pre-school playgroup/ Creches (sessional day care)	Crèches	Total
Breakdown by						
age group	100	-				
16-25	100	3	52	59	15	229
26-39	91	693	53	573	38	1,448
40 and over	136	354	57	587	29	1,163
Breakdown by						
gender						
Men	3	10	21	8	3	45
Women	324	1,077	143	1338	70	2,952
Breakdown by Ethnicity						
White	274	1,070	160	1,295	64	2,863
Black-Caribbean	12	0	0	6	6	24
Black-African	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indian	7	0	0	4	3	14
Pakistani	28	17	4	22	0	71
Bangladeshi	6	0	0	11	0	17
Chinese	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	8	0	8
People with Disabilities	1	0	4	9	0	14

Re	ecruitment Business Objectives	Partnership Lead Officer	Resourcing
1.	The newly appointed Recruitment Officer will develop a	Recruitment Officer	Recruitment
	Recruitment Action Plan working with the County Council		Grant
	and other Key Partners.		
2.	The recruitment campaign will be further developed through:	Recruitment Officer	Recruitment
L ·	Articles in local press and other media		Grant
L ·	Ensuring up-to-date information is always available		
<u>ا د ا</u>	Monitoring the success rates of the different recruitment		
	strategies.		
3.	The Buckinghamshire Children's Information Service will	Partnership Support Officer	LEA
	Continue to provide recruitment services through		Childcare
	- improved and increased good quality promotional		Grant

1.	 material written information about local job vacancies and training available a telephone information service monitoring those contacting the telephone service, to establish how many have started work in the childcare sector Run roadshows in each area of the county in order to raise awareness of the opportunities available in the childcare sector and giving the opportunity for personal contact in promoting work in the childcare sector 	Childcare Development Manager Recruitment Officer	Recruitment Grant
2.	Provide taster sessions for those showing an interest in how an after-school club operates.	Childcare Development Manager Recruitment Officer	Recruitment Grant

Annex 5. Training

Buckinghamshire's Training Targets for 2001-02			
Target 12	Target 12 A target for the level of qualifications to be achieved by 2001-02 will be set by September 2001		
Target 13	Target 13 To provide 7000 training days for Foundation Stage Practitioners		
Target 14	Target 14 To appoint an Area SENCO Co-ordinator and Early Years Advisory Teacher		
Target 15	Target 15 To ensure that 80% of qualified teachers working in the Foundation Stage have undertaken		
U	appropriate training and development		

Tr	aining Business Objectives	Partnership Lead Officer	Resourcing
_	aining for Childcare Workers	<u> </u>	
1.	Buckinghamshire EYDC Partnership is committed to work Towards having a skilled and competent workforce. Once the national indicative target is set the Partnership will work together with the Learning Skills Council to set targets for Buckinghamshire	Childcare Development Manager	Childcare Grant
2.	Provide a comprehensive training programme for childcare workers. The priorities for the training programme will be Equal Opportunities and Child Protection	Childcare Development Manager	Childcare Grant
3.	Continue the partnership with local training providers.	Quality Assurance Officer Childcare development Manager	Childcare Grant
4.	To establish a Service Level Agreement with Continuing Education to ensure the programme of training for childcare workers is: - co-ordinated - administered - quality checked	Childcare Development Manager	Childcare Grant
5.	Provide childminders with access to relevant training units towards the Certificate in Childminding practice	Childminding Services Manager	Childcare Grant
<u>Tra</u> 6.	<i>aining and development for Foundation Stage Practitioners</i> Develop an Inset training programme for qualified teachers.	Early Years Advisory Teacher.	Standards Fund Training Grant
7.	Work with headteachers to raise their awareness of the quality and training issues associated with those working in the Foundation Stage including release of staff to attend the Inset training programme.	Early Years Advisory Teacher	Standards Fund and Training Grant

8.	Courses on observation, assessment and record keeping, along with training on child development will be given priority.	Quality Assurance Officer	Standards Fund
9.	Establish the 'Training Manager Data Base' for training undertaken by Early Years Development and Childcare staff.	Data Support Officer	Childcare Grant and LEA
10	. Monitor training and development undertaken by Foundation Stage practitioners. Target those practitioners who have not undertaken training and development in the last three years.	Quality Assurance Officer Early Years Advisory Teacher	Childcare Grant Standards Fund
11	. Develop the Early Years Link Groups as a rich source of training and development for Foundation Stage practitioners	Partnership Officer	Childcare Grant and Training Grant
12	. Develop a Foundation Stage exchange model using the LEA Nursery Schools as models of best practice.	Early Years Advisory Teacher	Standards Fund and Training Grant

Annex 6. Quality Assurance

Buckinghamshire's Quality Assurance targets for 2001-02			
Target 16	Target 16To pilot the Buckinghamshire Quality Assurance Scheme with 20 settings		
Target 17To ensure 92% of Foundation Stage Settings are judged by Ofsted to be satisfactory or better			

Quality Assurance Business Objectives	Partnership Lead Officer	Resourcing
Quality Assurance Accreditation		
1. Launch the Buckinghamshire Quality Assurance	Quality Assurance Officer	Childcare
Scheme.		Grant
2. Pilot the scheme with 20 settings from across all sectors	Quality Assurance Officer	Childcare
		Grant
3. Establish a strategy of support for those settings	Quality Assurance Officer	Childcare
undertaking the Quality Assurance Scheme including the		Grant
recruitment of mentors.		
4. Evaluate the Quality Assurance pilot and develop a	Quality Assurance officer	Childcare
marketing strategy.		Grant
5. Quality assure with the Childminding Network established	Childminding Network Co-	Childcare
during 2001-02 with the National Childminding Association	ordinator	Grant
Quality in the Foundation Stage		
6. Provide targeted support to those settings who receive a 1	Early Years Advisory Teacher	Standards
to 2 year Ofsted reports.		Fund
7. Develop a EYDC Partnership Special Measures Policy	Quality Assurance Officer	Childcare
ensuring that those settings who continually receive a 1 to		Grant
2 year report receive an intensive programme of support		Standards
with the focus on raising standards.		Fund

Annex 7. Special Educational Needs

Buckinghamshire's Special Educational Needs Targets for 2001-02		
Target 18	Target 18 • All Foundation Stage settings will have a nominated SENCO	
	30% of setting based SENCOs will receive 3 days relevant training	
Target 19	An Area SENCO Co-ordinator will be recruited	

Access to Special Educational Needs Support

- 6.1 Buckinghamshire Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership will continue to ensure that all early years education and childcare settings have appropriate access to the Authority's SEN support services. It will support inclusion and the early identification of children with SEN and ensure providers have access to:
 - a full and comprehensive training programme
 - an Early Years Education Psychologist
 - specialist teachers
 - Early Years Advisory Teacher
 - An SEN Support Officer
 - An SEN Co-ordinator

Special Educational Needs Business Objectives	Partnership Lead Officer	Resourcing
1. Establish a database containing the name of each settings	Data Support Officer	Childcare
Nominated SENCO and the training that they have undertaken.		Grant
		C1:11.
2. Provide 3 days relevant training to reach 30% of setting	Quality Assurance Officer	Childcare
Based nominated SENCOs		Grant
		Standards
		Fund
		Training
		Grant
3. Provide a Continuing Professional Development programme	Quality Assurance Officer	Standards
offering courses on specific SEN issues including the early		Fund
identification of SEN, management and behaviour and		Training
language development.		Grant
4. Appoint the Area SENCO Co-ordinator to ensure:	Area SENCO Co-ordinator	LEA
- The roles of and objectives of Area SENCOs are		
defined		
- The recruitment and training programme for the		
Area SENCO posts is in place.		
5. Appoint a Special Educational Needs Support Officer for	Partnership Support Officer	Childcare
childcare providers		Grant

A complete list of the Business Objectives for Special Educational Needs can be found in the Special Educational Needs Implementation Plan which is attached as appendix IP1

Annex 8. Equal Opportunities

Buckinghamshire's Equal Opportunities Targets for 2001-02			
Target 20	Target 20To ensure that 100% of settings have an Equal Opportunities Policy and Strategy		
Target 21	Target 21		
Target 22To ensure the150 largest employers in Buckinghamshire are aware of the business benefit			
	work life balance		

An Equal Opportunities Progress Review of the targets contained in the 2000-01 Equal Opportunities Implementation Plan is attached as Appendix IP2

Equal Opportunities Business Objectives	Partnership Lead Officer	Resourcing
Equal Opportunities		
1. The Equal Opportunities Implementation Plan 2001-02 sets out	Partnership Support	Childcare
the Business Objectives for Equal Opportunities in full. This is attached at appendix IP3	Officer	Grant
Work Life Balance		
2. Distribute the work life balance questionnaire created in	Partnership Support	Childcare
partnership with Luton EYDCP to all Employers in	Officer	Grant
Buckinghamshire		
3. Audit the childcare and work life balance needs of parents and	Partnership Support	Childcare
carers in Buckinghamshire	Officer	Grant
4. Target, through the Buckinghamshire Children's Information	Buckinghamshire	LEA
Service the 150 biggest employers in Buckinghamshire to	Children's Information	Childcare
receive Childcare/work-life balance information packs	Service	Grant
containing posters and relevant leaflets.		
5. Create and distribute, via employers, childcare packs for	Buckinghamshire	LEA
employees	Children's Information	Childcare
	Service	Grant
6. <i>Key local stakeholders have been identified by the Partnership.</i>	Childcare Development	Childcare
These include the Strategic Planning and Economic	Manager	Grant
Development Service and the various Employment Offices in		
Buckinghamshire. Reconvene the Employers Sub-group to		
enable a much closer working relationship to be built up with		
the linked groups.		

Annex 9. Choice and Diversity

Buckinghamshire's Choice and Diversity Targets for 2001-02			
Target 23	23 • To publish the updated Early Years Information Booklet and make it widely available to		
U	parents and carers		
	 To develop the Partnerships Communication Sub-group 		
	 To further develop the Early Years Development and Childcare Partnerships Web-site 		
Target 24	The targets for increasing provision of integrated services for 0-5 year olds (To be set in		
U	September 2001)		

Choice and Diversity Business Objectives		Partnership Lead	Resouring
Reviewing Information for parents		Officer	
1.	Publish and distribute Buckinghamshire's Early Years Education Booklet through Health Visitors, The Children's Information Service, early education settings and local	Partnership Support Officer	Childcare Grant LEA
	Access points		

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2.	Extend the membership of the Partnerships' Communication	Partnership Support	Childcare Grant
	Sub-group to include all those who provide information to	Officer	
	parents including Parent Partnership		
3.	Continue to develop the Early Years development and	Partnership Support	LEA
	Childcare Website to include more relevant information for	Officer	Childcare Grant
	parents		
	A.		
4.	Consult on the Admissions arrangements for September	Early Years Officer	LEA
	2002 through all members of the Partnership.		
Su	stainability		
To	date Sustainability Grant to the value of £14,271 has		
been awarded to 16 early years and childcare settings			
5.	Ensure all Early Years and Childcare settings are aware of	Business Support Officer	Childcare Grant
	the full range of support packages including how to access	Childcare Development	Sustainability
	the Sustainability Grant	Officers	Grant

Annex 10. Information Strategy

Buckinghamshire's Information Strategy Targets for 2001-02				
Target 25	•	To ensure the Buckinghamshire Children's Information Service continues to meet the 14 minimum standards To ensure the Buckinghamshire Children's Information Service (BCIS) fully integrates with the national regulatory system by 2001		

Assessment of current provision provided by Buckinghamshire Children's Information Service				
Standard	Standard Met YES/ Description of how standard is met or action taken to meet standa NO NO			
Impartiality	YES	No particular provider or provision is endorsed Maximum information is given to callers		
Confidentiality	YES	Buckinghamshire CC is registered under the Data Protection Act. The BCIS respects the confidentiality of its caller and providers. All providers have option about what information about them is made public and given out to enquirers.		
Accuracy	YES	Childminder information is updated at least every 2 months; other information every 6 months on rolling programme. Information requested is sent out the same day, by 2 nd second class post, urgent information by 1 st Class Post. The BCIS is constantly working to improve its data.		
Delivery	YES	The BCIS is delivered through freephone and postal services.		
Accessibility	YES	 The service strives to be free of discrimination and holds information on groups relevant to children and families from ethnic minority communities, for parents/carers who have a child/ren with a special educational need and/or disability or who themselves have a special need and/or disability. The BCIS works closely with ethnic minority groups and the Minority Ethnic Traveller Achievement Service and other agencies supporting hard to reach groups, statutory and voluntary. The freephone information service is available on Monday to Friday 9.00am – 16.30pm. There is an out-of-hours voice mail service. Messages left in the evening are dealt with the following morning. 		
Publicity	YES	Written publicity is available at all community contact points. All publicity is translated into relevant community languages. The BCIS is also advertised on the Internet and Intranet.		
Consultation	YES	 User statistics are collated monthly. Questionnaires about quality of services received are sent to a random selection of users. 		

Complaints	YES	• Complainants are directed to the appropriate agency by an Information Outreach worker.	
Information on providers	YES	Information is held on registered provision (Social Services and Partnership) in day nurseries, pre-school/playgroups, after-school and holiday clubs, and childminders. Information on non-registered provision includes parent and toddler groups, crèches operating for less than 2 hours and many sports and social activities. Provider vacancies are amended within one week of being notified.	
Types of	YES	If the provider consents, parents can obtain the following information:	
information	~	- name of provider and contact details	
		- type of provision	
		- opening hours and availability	
		- fees charged	
		- vacancy information	
		- ability to cater for children with particular needs	
		- ability to care for children from particular religious	
		or cultural communities	
		- date last inspected by OFSTED if applicable	
		- the date the information held was last updated	
		• Callers are informed that childminders and other providers registered under the	
		Children Act 1989 must satisfy Social Services (OFSTED from September	
		2001) that they are fit to care for other people's children and have been subject	
		to a police check	
		• Callers are told that they should not automatically assume that carers have been	
		subject to police checks at that time	
		• Information about the registration procedure for providers is available,	
		including the criteria for registration	
Advice	YES	• Callers can discuss their particular need with an Information Officer or s/he will	
		direct them to other sources of information required such as:	
		- how to choose a childcare provider;	
		- the services offered by different types of childcare provider;	
		- financial assistance that may be available	
		- the Early Years Development and Childcare Plan and other local plans;	
		- the registration process and what to do if parents have concerns about	
		the	
		provider	
		- advice on issues such as parenting/family support, health and leisure	
	services;		
Links with			
providers		check for accuracy and restrict the availability of sensitive information	
Partnership	YES	• The BCIS aims to develop strong links with the Learning Skills Council and	
		continue its links with the PsLA, Further Education Colleges, Employment	
		Services, the Health Authority and neighbouring Children's Information	
		Services.	
	<u> </u>	 Successful networking is considered vital to the quality of information held. 	
Internet	YES	The BCIS recognises the Internet as a key tool in providing people with access	
		to information on childcare both locally, at County level and nationally.	
		It is connected to and compatible with the national Childcare Link Website.	

10.2 Buckinghamshire Children's Information Service Development 2001-02

Standard	Planned Activity		
Delivery	An e-mail enquiry form will enable people with computer access to request information using computer technology.		
Accessibility	 There will be increased accessibility for ethnic communities. Children's Information Shops will be run, on Saturdays at regular intervals throughout the year in the libraries in High Wycombe, Aylesbury and Chesham. Language Assistants will staff the Children's Information Shops and offer the communities information about childcare and recruitment. The e-mail information form will enable 24 hour access to information. Response will be made within 24 hours. 		
Publicity	 Marketing to reach all sectors of the community will be significantly increased. Strategies will include: radio commercials press inserts information sections in the Partnership County Council Newsletters 		
Complaints	 From April 2001 the BCIS will adhere to the Feedback and Complaints Policy of Buckinghamshire County Council. 		
Partnership			
Types of Information	 Systems will be developed to hold up-to-date information about provider vacancies. 		

10.3 National Recruitment Campaign

Buckinghamshire Children's Information service offers a direct line of communication between the national campaign telephone line and Buckinghamshire Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership.

During 2001 – 2002 Buckinghamshire Children's Information Service will:

- provide a telephone information service which will signpost individuals towards information e.g. Careers Service, job centres etc.
- monitor the number of calls received and will provide a breakdown on the calls by gender, age, ethnic background, disability and nature or query.

Calls will also be monitored to establish how many people have started work in the childcare sector

- provide assistance, advice and information on training and other recruitment issues.
- build on the Recruitment Roadshows run during 2000 2001

10.4 Interface with OFSTED

BCIS is aware that OFSTED will be taking over the responsibility for the regulation of day care and childminders from September 2001. BCIS will fully integrate with the national system set up by OFSTED and co-operate in full with any guidelines issued.

10.5 Interface with the Mational Information Line	10.5	Interface with the National Information Line	
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Access:	Through Freephone telephone line and postal service.	
	Freephone number for callers from local area – 0800 3283317	
	Out hours voice mail service	
	Minicom -	
	Email – publicinfo@buckscc.gov.uk	
Service Operator:	Buckinghamshire Children's Information Service	
Contact Name	Wendy Beeton-Townshend	
Opening Hours:	Monday to Friday 9.00am – 4.30pm	
Description of Service	Parents can receive	
_	 Up to date, accurate information on childcare services in 	
	Buckinghamshire	
	 Information on leisure activities for children and young people 	
	 Advice on how to choose a childcare provider 	
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	Employers can receive all the above and	
	 Employer packs on childcare and related benefits 	
	 Up to date and accurate vacancy lists 	
	 Access to the Recruitment Line services 	
	Providers can receive	
	 Access to information about sustainability 	
	 Access to vacancy lists 	
	 Access to the Recruitment Line Services 	
Administration contact	Mrs. Wendy Beeton-Townshend	
details in event of a query by	Early Years and Childcare Team	
the national line	Judges Lodgings	
	County Hall	
	Walton Street	
	Aylesbury	
	HP29 IUX	
	01296 38 3308	
	email: wbeeton@buckscc.gov.uk	
Local Social Services	Aylesbury Vale Area Office 01296 395000	
Registration and Inspection	Buckingham Area 01280 815121	
Service	Wycombe Area Office 01494 475000	
	Chiltern/South Bucks Area 01494 729000	

The Buckinghamshire Children's Information Service has a clear commitment to notify the national childcare information line of any changes to details.

Annex 11. Better Partnership Working

Buckinghamshire's Partnership Working Targets for 2001-02			
Target 26	Target 26To continue to ensure that the Partnership membership is fully representative and effective in		
	carrying out it's key tasks, through regular review of working practices		
Target 27	Target 27To maximise opportunities for joint working with other departments and organisations to		
U	improve coherence and efficiency in local services		
Target 28To develop a range of strategies to ensure the principles of Best Value are applied to the			
Ŭ	Partnerships activities.		

Pa	Partnership Working Business Objectives Partnership Resourcing					
Im	proved Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership	Lead Officer				
Wa	orking					
1.	Review the annual membership asking members to reconfirm their Channels of communication with the body they represent. The full list of Partnership members is given at IP3	Partnership Support Officer	Childcare Grant			
2.	Review the induction pack for new Partnership members.	Partnership Support Officer	Childcare Grant			
3.	Provide Partnership members with opportunity to claim expenses incurred when attending Partnership Meetings and related meetings and activities	Partnership Support Officer	Childcare Grant			
4.	Provide members of the Partnership with drafts of the Plan, to be discussed at Partnership meetings. Wider consultation on the draft Plan will take place in January and February 2001 through a series of meetings in the three Buckinghamshire Districts.	Partnership Support Officer	Childcare Grant			
5. • • Th	Develop a Partnership training programme for members focusing on: Partnership exchanges for members. Developing feedback skills to ensure more effective consultation occurs marketing learning about other members and their role and responsibilities e Partnership also intends: to invite members from neighbouring Partnerships to attend	Partnership Support Officer	Childcare Grant			
•	Buckinghamshire EYDC Partnership meetings. to develop a membership directory invite a representative from the DfEE Partnership Team to attend a Partnership meeting.					
Im	proved joint working					
6.	Securely establish the Buckinghamshire Inter-agency Advisory Group, linking strategic developments in Health, Social Services and Education	Head of Years and Childcare	LEA			
7.	Develop the links already set up with the Luton Partnership for the greater involvement of employers, and explore the possibility of joint activity with other neighbouring Partnerships.	Partnership Support Officer	Childcare Grant			
Be	st Value					
8.	Establish links with comparable Partnerships to establish Benchmarking	Partnership Support Officer	Childcare Grant			
9.	 Continue to provide funding to Parents as First Teachers and Home-Start Wycombe for identified activities ensuring: Joint Service Level agreements are in place with other financial contributers Activities are monitored termly against the principles of Best Value 	Partnership Support Officer	Childcare Grant			

10. All Partnership Sub-groups to identify a performance indicator which can be Benchmarked	Partnership Support Officer	Childcare Grant
11. Evaluate through the Sub-groups all Partnership activities against the 4Cs, Challenge, Compare, Consult and Competition	Partnership Support	Childcare Grant
Chancinge, Compare, Constant and Competition	Officer	Grunt

11.1 Transition to Ofsted

Target 29	get 29 To ensure the protocol discussed with Ofsted's Early Years Directorate is developed and	
	implemented, including close working relationships with Social Services personnel	

Current practice in Buckinghamshire

Buckinghamshire Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership has enjoyed for the most part a positive relationship with the Social Services Children's Day Care Advisors who are the regulatory staff for Buckinghamshire. The following bullet points detail the involvement:

- A Children's Day Care Advisor Team Manager attends all Partnership meetings.
- A Children's day Care Advisor Team Manager attends the following Partnerships Sub-groups
 - Funding
 - Equal Opportunities
 - Special Needs
 - A Children's Day Care Advisor attends the following Partnership Sub-groups
 - Training
 - Equal opportunities
 - Quality Assurance
 - Special Educational Needs

Termly liaison meetings with the purpose of updating and informing have been held between officers in the Early Years and Childcare Team and Children's Day Care Advisors.

Bu	isiness Objectives	Partnership Lead Officer	Resourcing
1.	Continue the termly liaison meetings between officers from the	Partnership Support	Childcare
	Early Years and Childcare team and the Children's Day Care	Officer	Grant
	Advisors up until September 2001		LEA
2.	Continue close liaison between the Partnership and Ofsted's Early	Partnership Support	Childcare
	Years Directorate and ensure an effective protocol is in place to	Officer	Grant
	Ensure the effective delivery of training, advice and information.		
3.	Invite a regional manager from Ofsted to sit on the Partnership	Partnership Support	Childcare
		Officer	Grant
4.	Extended invitations to the regulatory staff to continue to sit on	Partnership Support	Childcare
	appropriate Sub-groups.	Officer	Grant

Annex 12. Cross Referencing to other Plans

The work of the Buckinghamshire Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership and the planning process is closely cross referenced throughout to may other local Plans.

The Partnership seek to work with health, voluntary agencies and other council departments to ensure joined up planing which delivers enhanced, cohesive services to the children, young people and adults in Buckinghamshire.

Set out below is a cross referencing table demonstrating how the Early Years Development and Childcare Partnerships Strategic and Implementation Plan links to other Plans and developments.

Key Area of Work	Early Years	References to other Plans
	Development and Childcare Plan Reference	
Developing links with Employers and increasing their awareness of work-life balance	Strategic Plan Target 22	Council Plan – Strategic Aim 4
	Implementation Plan, page 13	
Improving services for children with special educational needs	Strategic Plan Targets 18 and 19 Implementation Plan, page 13	Children's Services Plan Quality Protects Objective 3 Education Development Plan Priority 6 Social Services Plan for Development Behaviour Support Plan
		Buckinghamshire's Special Educational Needs Strategy
Developing Information	Strategic Plan Target 25 Implementation	Quality Protects Objective 3 and 11 Council Plan Strategic Aim 2
	Plan, page 15	
Training for Early Years, Childcare and Playworkers	Strategic Plan Targets 12, 13,14	Education Development Plan Priority 2
	and 15 Implementation Plan, page 12	Behaviour Support Plan Quality Protects Objective 11 Lifelong Learning Plan
Improving the Quality of Early	Strategic Plan	Education Development Plan Priority
Years and Childcare Provision	Targets 16 and 17 Implementation Plan, page 14	2 and 7