



Terms and Conditions

Crèche Commissioning

Children's Centres

1. Introduction

Ealing's Early Years, Childcare and SAFE¹ Service works with a variety of statutory, voluntary and community organisations in order to offer a holistic approach to service delivery for Ealing's young children and their families. The aim of this service is to improve outcomes for all children and, in particular, to bridge the gap between outcomes for the most disadvantaged children and others and to do this within the context of a commitment to early intervention which aims:

'To give a social and emotional bedrock to the current and future generations of babies, children and young people by helping them and their parents (or other main care-givers) before problems arise'²

Ealing's Children's Centres provide support for all young children and their families and parents-to-be through the delivery of a core offer of universal services, targeted services and access to specialist services. In order to deliver some of these services it has been identified that there is a need to provide crèche provision linked to courses or support groups, as listed in the areas for priority below in section 2.

Financial support provided under this scheme will be on a commissioning basis rather than distributing grant aid. Instead of receiving general funding, those seeking a commissioning agreement need to make a case addressing how they will meet the eligibility criteria in section 4. There will also be a formal agreement setting out the duties and functions of both parties and monitoring and reporting requirements.

All applications will be subject to an assessment report by the Childcare Development Officer and will only be accepted by those not in receipt of other funding to operate crèche facilities.

All parents and children accessing the crèche or training/support group through the crèche provision must be registered with their local children centre and their attendance at both crèche and training/support group recorded on the children centre attendance forms. If they are already registered at a children centre (and this will be checked) the attendance form only will need to be used.

¹ Supportive Action for Families in Ealing

² Early Intervention: The Next Steps Graham Allen MP January 2011 HM Government (p.v PM Letter)

2. Areas for Priority

Below is a list of the areas for priority for the London Borough of Ealing 2011/2012. Applications will only be considered for crèche commissioning when linked to the following courses or support groups:

Training Courses

- Family Links
- Triple P (Positive Parenting Programme)
- Webster Stratton (Incredible Years)
- Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities
- Mellow Babies
- Mellow Parenting
- ESOL (English as a second or other language)
- Breastfeeding peer support (training)
- Other evidence-based and accredited parenting programmes as agreed by Children's Centres Strategic Manager

Support Groups

- Young Parents Groups
- Domestic Violence Support
- Fathers Group
- Local priority groups as agreed in writing with Children's Centres Strategic Manager

3. Who can apply?

Below is a list of the partners and services that are invited to apply for commissioning of crèche provision:

- Children's Centres
- Extended Schools Co-ordinators
- Schools
- Integrated Service Managers
- Coram
- SAFE

(Please note; applications should be led by the children's centre or school where the crèche is to be delivered)

4. Eligibility Criteria

Applications will be considered if/when:

1. The crèche is linked to a training course or support group as listed in the areas for priority section 2
2. The application is from one of the services or partners listed in section 3
3. You can provide evidence in the application that the training course is delivered at a high standard and meets the objectives of the course
4. You operate within the London Borough of Ealing and the location of crèche is either on the premises or close by to where the parents will be training or attending a support group
5. You have had an assessment report by the development officer for crèche and the application is supported
6. You have read and understood the Local Authorities Good Practice Guidelines.
7. Your crèche provision runs for no more than 2 ½ hours a session.
8. You are willing to sign a contractual agreement and to be subject to monitoring

5. Financial Information

Proposals must be realistically costed and accompanied by detailed financial information. Funding will be to support the staffing costs of running the crèche, other funding required such as venue costs, equipment etc must be itemised separately, a decision will be made by the panel as to its validity for funding.

All applications will be considered on an individual basis and checked to ensure delivery is cost effective.

6. Commissioning Assessment Panel

A Commissioning Assessment Panel will meet to consider all applications monthly. Applicants will be notified as soon as possible of the outcome, an agreement will be drawn up and there may be conditions attached with some tasks that need to be completed before financial support is confirmed. Evaluations of applications will be against eligibility criteria.

All those receiving commissioning will be required to sign a commissioning agreement which will detail the expected outcomes as a condition of this financial support.

7. Monitoring

All successful applications will need to be monitored. You will receive a monitoring form, which must be completed with as much detail as possible and returned to the development team. If funds are not spent as detailed in the original application form or you fail to comply with the monitoring process this may result in funding being withdrawn and may effect future applications.

8. Dates for Commissioning Process

Closing Dates	Panel Dates	Panel Time	Room/Location
Friday 10 th June 2011	Tuesday 28 th June 2011	9.30-11.00	Blue Room
Friday 8 th July 2011	Tuesday 26 th July 2011	9.30-11.00	Blue Room
Friday 5 th August 2011	Tuesday 23 rd August 2011	9.30-11.00	Blue Room
Friday 2 nd September 2011	Tuesday 27 th September 2011	9.30-11.00	Blue Room
Friday 7 th October 2011	Tuesday 25 th October 2011	9.30-11.00	Blue Room
Friday 4 th November 2011	Tuesday 29 th November 2011	9.30-11.00	Blue Room
Friday 2 nd December 2011	Tuesday 20 th December 2011	9.30-11.00	Blue Room
Friday 6 th January 2012	Tuesday 24 th January 2012	9.30-11.00	Blue Room
Friday 3 rd February 2012	Tuesday 28 th February 2012	9.30-11.00	Blue Room
Friday 2 nd March 2012	Tuesday 27 th March 2012	9.30-11.00	Blue Room

9. For Further Information

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