

## Childcare for Islington (CFI)

# Summary Childcare Strategy Action Plan 2008/11

This is a summary of the action plan to address apparent gaps in formal childcare in Islington for children aged up to 14 or up to 18 with disabilities – **to allow parents to work or study**. The action follows on from the Childcare for Islington (CFI) 2008 report – the childcare sufficiency assessment, published in spring 2008.

## Overall aims of the strategy

- To target limited resources available to develop quality, affordable childcare to meet the needs of parents and carers wishing to work or study, for the benefit of the children and young people and to help tackle child poverty.
- To help to raise standards and close the gap between the 20% of children who do least well and the rest.

## Objectives

### Theme One: Support to parents and carers

- 1 Improve information and support to parents about childcare provision and support with paying for it.
- 2 Support parents to access work and to parents in work but on low income.
- 3 Improve access to childcare (for work) for parents of children with disabilities.
- 4 Improve access to childcare (for work) for parents of children from black and minority ethnic (BME) communities.

### Theme Two: Working with providers

- 5 Support current and potential childcare providers to offer services that are needed in their local community.
- 6 Prepare for the extended and flexible free offer for three and four year olds by 2010.
- 7 Support providers of all childcare/positive activities to raise standards/offer good quality services.

### Theme Three: Further research

- 8 Improve understanding of patterns of use and potential for offering more flexible services.
- 9 Improve understanding of childcare across borders so our strategies are complementary.
- 10 Improve understanding of issues for small and medium enterprises (employers) around childcare and how we can help them to develop work-life-balance policies and practices.
- 11 Explore the potential for benchmarking with other local authorities.

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