

Actively develop and manage the market

4Children is working closely with the DfES and other national partners to support the development of childcare, extended schools and youth provision with the aim that:

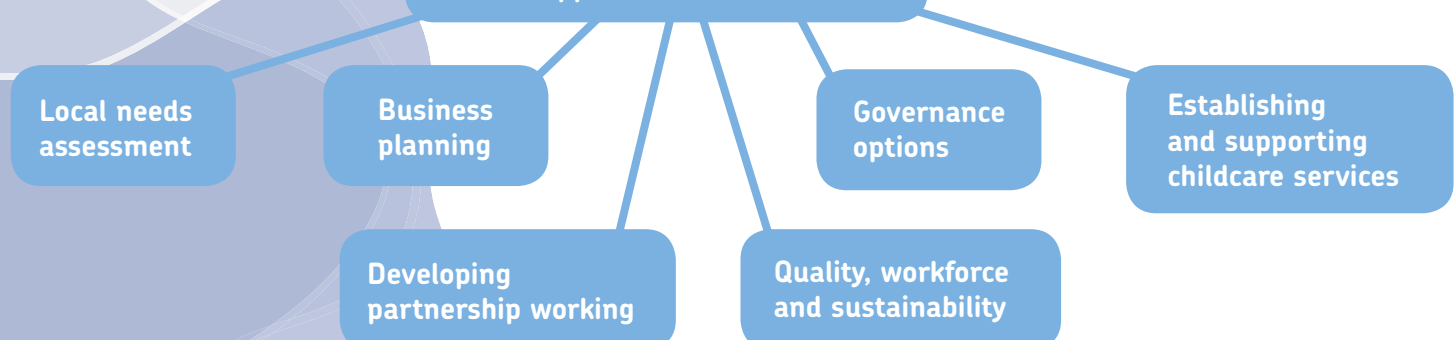
- By 2010 all parents of primary-age children will be able to access affordable childcare at or through their school from 8am to 6pm, all year round
- These services will be available in at least half of all primary schools by 2008
- By 2010 all secondary schools will be open from 8am to 6pm all year round providing a range of activities for young people such as music, sport and holiday activities. At least a third of secondary schools should be making this offer by 2008.
- By 2010 all 3 and 4 year olds will receive 15 hours of free integrated early learning and care for 38 weeks of the year
- Childcare meets local needs, is high quality and sustainable
- Childcare partnerships with the voluntary and private sector are developed

Extended schools services include high quality 'wraparound' childcare, a varied menu of activities such as homework clubs, sport, music tuition, dance, drama, arts and crafts, adult education, community access to ICT, parenting support programmes, community-based health and social care services, multi-agency behaviour support teams and after-school activities.

In addition, Consultancy 4Children can help to develop strategies for delivery of childcare services in schools, to support:



The support we offer includes:





Children's centres

The agenda is challenging: 2,500 children's centres by 2008 and 3,500 – one for every community – by 2010, offering integrated childcare and early education, family support and health services.

Consultancy 4Children can support local authorities to deliver their targets for children's centres – and children's centres to develop the governance, business planning, staffing, policies and procedures they need to deliver integrated early education and childcare, family support and health services.



Consultancy 4Children has supported...

- London Borough of Southwark to develop implementation plans for children's centres and business plans
- Oxfordshire County Council to review its children's centre strategy
- Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea to deliver their children's centre strategy
- 1st Place Children and Parent's Centre to set up a Company Limited by Guarantee with charitable status, develop a business plan, draw up policies and procedures, staff the centre, and achieve Ofsted registration

“It was a pleasure and great support to have Sue Finch and her team joining us at this challenging time. The quality of work, dedication, sensitivity and perhaps most important flexibility were outstanding. We could not have achieved our goals in such a timely way without their support.”

Kate Miranda, 1st Place Children and Parent's Centre/Aylesbury Sure Start Plus Local Programme Manager