

## What is a Children's Centre?

Children's Centres provide multi-agency services that are flexible and meet the needs of young children and their families. Every Children's Centre will include the following:

- integrated early learning and childcare
- family support
- health services
- outreach services to children and families not attending the centre
- access to training and employment advice.

Children's centres will be models of multi-agency and partnership working. At the heart of a centre will be a high quality learning and full day care for children from birth.



## Contacts:

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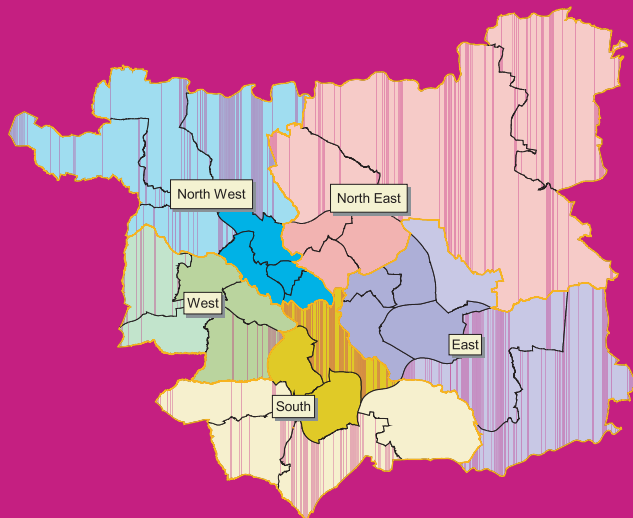
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## Who are we?

The Leeds Early Years Service is part of Leeds City Council's Department of Learning and Leisure. Within the service there are four Childcare Project Co-ordinators, five Childcare Development Officers, a Breakfast Club Development Officer and a Teenage Pregnancy Co-ordinator in addition to a wide range of other support, service and development Staff. The teams work as much as possible in different parts of the city, called wedges. These wedges are North East, East, South, West, and North West.

Each wedge team works closely together to support all potential and established Childcare Providers, with additional support from the Business Support Advisors and the Day-care Support Team.



## Our role is:

- Co-ordinate and advise on the development and implementation of Children's Centres.
- Ensure that the development, education, childcare, health and safety, child protection and well being of the children is at the heart of the Children's Centre service.
- To co-ordinate, prepare and submit the Progress reports and the Children's Centre plan on behalf of the local authority.
- Promote Partnership working across all sectors ensuring an integrated approach to the development of Children's Centres.
- Liaise with Sure Start Local Programmes, and Regional Offices with regard to the development and progress of the Children's Centre Programme.
- Ensure that the service being developed reflects cultural and social diversity in line with Leeds City Councils Equal Opportunities Policies and Procedures.
- Advise on funding opportunities for the development of childcare places and to disseminate this information.
- To support the delivery of Early Education and Childcare Targets in line with the Governments 10 year strategy for Childcare.

## We do this by:

- Co-ordinating the planning processes to meet childcare gaps and producing statistical information for existing and potential providers.
- Ensuring funding streams are utilised.
- Overseeing major projects from the initial stages to completion, ensuring cross departmental and cross sector working.
- Co-ordinating procurement and other processes to assist providers, schools and others to ensure childcare demands are met.
- Co-ordinating wedge based cross sector working to ensure the planning and delivery of services for children and families.
- Working with the Development Officers to undertake feasibility studies to establish the demand for childcare.