

Local Authorities Statutory Duties relating to childcare

- Secure sufficient funded places offering 570 hours a year (15 hours per week) over no fewer than 38 weeks of the year for eligible two year olds and all 3 and 4 year olds in their area, “universal entitlement”;
- Secure additional funded places of up to 570 hours a year over no fewer than 38 weeks of the year for qualifying 3 and 4 year olds in their area, “extended entitlement”;
- Secure sufficient childcare, so far as is reasonably practicable, for working parents, or parents who are studying or training for employment for children aged 0-14 (or up to 18 for disabled children);
- Fund these places using a locally determined, transparent formula in accordance with statutory guidance and funding issued to the LA under the early years national funding formula;
- Provide information to parents and prospective parents on the provision of childcare in their area; and
- Secure information, advice and training for providers in their area linked to their statutory responsibilities.