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**Childcare Market Management:  
Integrating Care and Education  
in Early Years**

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**The vision: what parents and children can expect by 2010**

10 Year Childcare Strategy:

- A **Sure Start Children's Centre** in every community
- **Extended services** through every school
- Affordable, accessible **childcare** available for all
- 15 hours of free, flexible **early learning and care** for all 3 and 4 year olds

- **Better outcomes for children**  
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- **Breaking cycles of deprivation and raising standards**  
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- **Choice and flexibility for parents**

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**Childcare Act**

- **NEW Local Authority duties to:**
  - improve outcomes for under 5's through access to integrated early childhood services
  - secure sufficient childcare for children to allow parents to work
  - continuing the free entitlement for 3s and 4s
  - provide information to parents about services for children up to 19
- Reformed and streamlined regularly and inspection for childcare
- New Early Years Foundation Stage

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## Two Year Old Pilot




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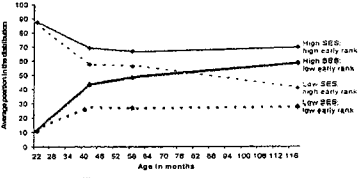
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## Why pilot free provision for two year olds?

### Inequalities

•Inequalities develop from a young age - big differences develop between 22 and 40 months.



Age (months)	High SES, high early rank	High SES, low early rank	Low SES, high early rank	Low SES, low early rank
22	85	80	15	10
40	70	65	45	35
116	70	65	45	35

Source: Peacock, Eastwood (1976)

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## Why pilot free provision for two year olds?

### EPPE Evidence

- Pre-school experience, compared to none enhances intellectual and social development in all children.
- Good quality pre-school experiences supports better cognitive & social-behavioural development for children and reduces risk of SEN.
- Disadvantaged children in particular can benefit significantly from good quality pre-school experiences - particular advantages when starting at 2.
- For children in low income families (less than £15k pa), one extra year of pre-school (starting at 2 rather than 3) is associated with a similar effect upon pre-reading as increasing family income by £10-15k per year

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**Nursery Education Extended Offer for 3 & 4 Year Olds**

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**Pathfinder Authorities**

- 15 hours per week for 38 weeks
- Aiming for 20 hours after 2010
- Local Authorities can decide minimum & maximum hours per day.
- integrated care and education.
- Removes artificial barrier between care and education.

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**Nursery Education Funding**

- is a block of the 'Dedicated Schools Grant' (DSG)
- Schools Forums have to agree with Local Authorities how DSG is used.
- Code of Practice for provision of free nursery education for 3 & 4 year olds
- Local Authorities decide local criteria.
- Can be paid to more than one provider (parental choice).
- Parents may choose which provider receives funding
- Administered by Local Authority
- Paid directly to providers
- £3.00 - £3.50 per hour
- Can be used with childcare tax credit.

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**Childcare Market Management:  
What does this mean?**

- Secure sufficient childcare.
- Childcare sufficiency Assessment – every 3 years.
- Make provision more flexible, sustainable and responsive to the needs of the community.
- Reshape existing provision and commission new provision.
- Meet the needs of parents.

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**Solutions**

- Incentive Packages
- Federated Groups Options
- Area Networks
- Provider Involvement
- Brokerage

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