

SERVICE DESCRIPTION FORM

Department: EDUCATION & SOCIAL CARE	
Service: PRE-SCHOOL PROVISION	
Income	(£000s)
Description: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This service provides a pre-school education place for every 3 and 4 year old whose parents wish it. The authority has a duty to provide this.• Pre-school education places are provided in 21 school nursery classes with additional places procured annually from the private, voluntary and independent sectors. Currently there are 34 partner providers of pre-school education.• Places are currently commissioned at a rate of £1,600 per fully funded place i.e.475 hours per year. (NB - This will increase to a minimum of 600 hours from 2014.)• There were 2,148 funded places as of 28 June 2012.• There is a national expectation that all pre-school children will have access to a fully qualified teacher. There is a central team of two teachers. (There is an additional teacher on secondment until end October 2012). One provides curriculum support and development/training opportunities. The other teacher supports providers in the early identification of children with additional support needs, referrals to appropriate agencies and devising individual education plans.• Quality assurance of the delivery of Curriculum for Excellence is carried out by a quality improvement officer.• In addition, quality assurance services regarding self-evaluation and improvement planning are procured annually. Currently these services are provided by the Care and Learning Alliance. At the moment this costs £39050 per year.	
Outcomes / impacts: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This service is in high demand by parents.• The quality of delivery is good or better in almost all pre-school providers as evidenced by quality audits, HMle reports and Care Inspectorate reports.• The service contributes to the following priorities:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- More young children in Moray will thrive- Putting quality at the heart of service delivery- Improving outcomes and children's quality of life through play- More young people will success in achievement and attainment	

