Affordable Childcare

Single Equality Scheme Priorities (Green: Completed; Amber: In Progress)

Develop and implement a quality assurance and improvement framework for all private and voluntary sector locations including child minders

and increase the % of organisations who achieve good or outstanding Ofsted inspections.

Develop protocols in conjunction with the planning department and Ofsted for new settings.

Implement our Early Year delivery plan to increase the number of additional free childcare places by 1000 for 2 year olds by September 2014

Achievements - Affordable Childcare	Area of Focus - Affordable Childcare
A quality assurance and improvement framework for all private and voluntary sector organisations including childminders has been implemented	To deliver phase 2 of the Affordable Childcare Places programme and meet the target of 1000 spaces by September 2014.
Protocols for new settings have been implemented	
During the Spring Term 2014 239 (79%) applications have been approved against the target of 300. All eligible two year olds have been offered a childcare place in their local area. Data on eligible two year olds who have not taken up early education places is shared with Children's Centre to further engage parents. Marketing materials updated to include information on broader criteria for Phase 2 and information/briefing sessions held with relevant key partners and agencies	

City of York Council has been chosen to help develop childcare across the country because of its expertise in the area. The Council's Childcare Service will take part in a two-year government trial to help other areas develop childcare hubs. York was chosen because of the success of its award-winning 'Shared Foundation Partnerships' - childcare networks across the city made up of schools, childminders, private nurseries and playgroups — which have been running for a number of years and are similar to the childcare hubs the government is encouraging authorities to set up.

Indicator				12/13	13/14	Target	Trend	York's Performance status compared to others Green Better - Red Worse		
	09/10 1	10/11	11/12					GB	Yorkshire & Humber	Comparators
% of Early Years Childminders, attaining 'Good or Outstanding' Ofsted inspections (based on Overall Effectiveness)		65%	73%	74%	81%	80%	Increased			
Free childcare places for 2 year olds					279	300				
% Take up of early education places by eligible two year olds					78%	100%				