

Healthy and Sustainable Pre School Scheme National Award Criteria

Introduction

The National Policy Context

Since 2004, the Welsh Assembly Government has based its policy for children and young people on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). Planning and delivery of services for children and young people in Wales is undertaken in the context of the seven core aims for children and young people, based on the UNCRC:

1. have a flying start in life;
2. have a comprehensive range of education and learning opportunities;
3. enjoy the best possible health and are free from abuse, victimisation and exploitation;
4. have access to play, leisure, sporting and cultural activities;
5. are listened to, treated with respect, and have their race and cultural identity recognised;
6. have a safe home and a community which supports physical and emotional well-being; and
7. are not disadvantaged by poverty.

In respect of this scheme of particular relevance are articles:

Article 12: Children have the right to say what they think should happen when adults are making decisions that affect them, and to have their opinions taken into account.

Article 23: Children who have any kind of disability should have special care and support.

Article 24: Children have a right to health care; nutritious food and a clean environment.

Article 31: Children have a right to relax and play and join in a wide range of activities.

