



EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES DEPARTMENT

CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT

CONSULTATION

Make sure you have your say...

From 1st April 2008, all Local Authorities across Wales are required to undertake a Childcare Sufficiency Assessment, to enable them to work towards securing 'sufficient' childcare, to meet the needs of parents and carers where it is justifiable and sustainable to do so.

As part of the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment process, Carmarthenshire County Council would like to invite comments from parents, carers, employers, professionals and the wider community on their first **DRAFT Assessment**.

The consultation period will run from: 10th November 2008 - 19th December 2008

This is an opportunity to help shape the future of childcare in Carmarthenshire, and all responses received by the closing date will be given full consideration.

NAME:

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CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

1.The Assessment highlights the need to investigate the sustainability of developing additional day nursery places throughout the County (particularly Welsh Medium day nursery places in Llanelli). Would you support this recommendation?

2.The Assessment highlights the need to encourage existing day nurseries and childminders to offer more flexibility to meet the needs of working parents/carers who are working shifts and unsociable hours. Would you support this recommendation?

3.The Assessment recommends working with existing and potential childcare providers to increase the provision of holiday care (particularly in Llanelli, Taf Myrddin and Gwendraeth community network areas). Would you support this recommendation?

4.The Assessment recommends investigating the sustainability of further developing after school care for primary school aged children(particularly in Llanelli, Aman and Gwendraeth community network areas). Would you support this recommendation?

5.The Assessment recommends further developing after school care and learning attractive to the 11-14 age group across the County in order for

parents/carers to balance their working/childcare commitments? Would you support this recommendation?

6.The Assessment recommends continuing to raise awareness of the Children’s Information Service in order to ensure that families, especially those who are marginalised, have access to the information that they need in a convenient location and in an appropriate format. Would you support this recommendation?

7.The Assessment recommends providing better information on benefits and entitlements available to eligible parents and carers to help towards the cost of childcare. It also recommends ensuring that staff within the Children’s Information Service are fully briefed on what is available and how to apply for it (including childcare element of Working Tax Credits). Would you support this recommendation? Do you agree that the Children’s Information Service is the most appropriate means of accessing this information?

8.The Assessment recommends researching the childcare needs of children with disabilities, in particular in relation to out of school and holiday provision to develop more childcare places that are inclusive. Do you agree that this should be a priority for the Local Authority.

9.The Assessment recommends consulting with representatives of minority ethnic groups to see what issues if any they face in respect of childcare? Would you support this recommendation?

10.Are you an organisation working with children and families in Carmarthenshire that have already planned work which addresses any of the recommendations set out in the Assessment? (If so, please give details)

11. Are there any other factors that should be taken in to account when planning the future of childcare in Carmarthenshire?

12.Would you like to make any other general comments about this Assessment?(Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Thank you for taking the time to respond to this consultation.

All comments received will be compiled in to a report and considered carefully.

The report will be available to download from the Children's Partnership Website on the Childcare Sufficiency page.

www.carmarthenshirechildrenspartnership.org.uk

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