HOW TO DEVELOP OUTSTANDING CHILDREN'S CENTRES

This framework was developed by practitioners within the London Borough of Harrow and is used as a practical self evaluation tool to help support the development of quality practice in all areas of the children's centre core offer.

The *Children's Centre Self Evaluation Framework* can be used by all children's centres whether they be school based, stand alone centres or run by partner agencies and we also have access to a network of consultant mentors who can offer help and advice as you embark on your use of the framework.

The framework itself enables centres to audit their provision and develop action plans for continuous improvement through three stages of development for each of the elements within the framework. The framework also acts as an assessment tool.

In total there are 29 elements within eleven sections. These sections (which are all colour coded for ease of use and reference) include Multi Agency Working, Pedagogy and Governance, as well as Management & Leadership and the Early Years Curriculum. Each section covers the key areas that will support a centre in planning its journey to *outstanding* in all areas of children's centre activity.

The framework comes inside its own specially produced purple ring binder so that it is easily recognisable and as all of the development work has been done, in terms of production and design, it offers you the chance to save on the initial costs associated with a project of this size.

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