# PVI and children's centres working together for families on the 2 year old offer

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# who we are

- National membership organisation for children's day nurseries across the UK
- Registered charity since 1999
- Promoting quality in early years
- Over 18,000 day nurseries in the UK
- Providing early learning and care for one million children

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# what we do

- Voice of the sector – national and local Government and media
- Support, information, advice and member consultation
- Conferences, nursery awards, seminars and forums
- Campaigns for healthy lifestyles for children
- Training and professional development
- e-Quality Count scheme

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# provision of childcare and early learning in England

- 17,600 full day care providers, 948,000 children
- 7,900 sessional providers
- 48,800 active childminders
- 15,700 maintained schools – including 400 nursery schools
- 550 Sure Start Children's Centres offering full day care, 38,400 children (down from 800 in 2010 and a peak of 1,000 in 2009)

Source: Childcare and Early Years Providers Survey 2011 – DfE

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# matching provision to need

- 462,500 vacancies across all types of provider
- 134,600 vacancies in full day care
- Vacancies in all areas - 27% of vacancies in the 30% most deprived areas
- 70% of children's centres offering full day care in the 30% most deprived, with total 3,000 vacancies
- 26% of day care in the 30% most deprived = 4,400 settings with 38,400 vacancies

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# demographic pressures

- Significant growth over the next decade
- Increasing poverty – more two year old children eligible for free places?
- The gap – 1,000s of places needed!

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# partnership working

- Choice for parents – all quality providers should be involved
- Promotion – nationally and locally
- Signposting and referrals – SSCCs to day care and vice versa
- Ease of access – eligibility checks at all providers?
- Integration with childminders

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# providing integrated support

NDNA survey on the two year old offer, Spring 2012

- Want to get involved if the conditions are right
- Need for correct funding for quality
- Wider support to children and families – partnership working essential to meet all the child's and family's needs

NDNA January 2013 business performance survey

- 56% of providers said that they are definitely or very likely to get involved in the two year old offer
- But, for 42% funding does not cover costs with average shortfall of £440 p.a.

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# top five challenges for employers

- Increasing wages
- Increasing utilities bills
- Achieving a surplus
- Delivering a sustainable free nursery education offer
- Controlling costs

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# health and early years

- Supporting Families in the Foundation Years – joint DfE and Department of Health statement
- Two year old check now; integrated review to come
- Targets for more health visitors
- Feedback to NDNA – greater engagement wanted with health
- Recognise and value each others' roles and expertise

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# key messages from NDNA

- Challenging times need innovative approaches
- Maximise use of limited resources – PVI sector is ready, willing and able
- Children do not know what type of setting they are in – P, V, I or maintained all have the same aims

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