

Play Indicators

Playlink

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Short description of the initiative
<p>Playlink is a national charity that works with local communities to support provision of high quality opportunities for children's play that are stimulating, inclusive, and fun. Playlink supports local play service providers across the country, promoting and disseminating the values and playwork practice learnt in the free play environment of adventure playgrounds. Its work includes advice and information, services and publications and lobbying and advice to the government.</p> <p>Key services Playlink provides include: Consultancy to voluntary and statutory sector organizations to develop play policy and strategy; organizations reviews; responding to Government consultations. Conferences, Seminars, Workshops and Training including risk assessment as a tool for quality free-play service development. A range of play focused workshops including health and safety, organizational review, policy and strategy development that provide the opportunity to learn from a range of free-play good practice. Publications on good practice, practical guidance, conference papers, discussion papers and reports to assist play providers.</p>

PARAMETERS
<p>The indicator identifies the extent to which the development, adoption and implementation of a corporate play policy that has involved users and providers, is responsive to local and diverse needs and demonstrates an understanding of the importance of play and the child's right to play.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The policy is widely scoped, including any local authority services that might directly or indirectly impact on children's play opportunities.• The policy is integrated with other relevant community, corporate and departmental plans.• The policy has been endorsed by the Chief Executive and / or Members of the relevant committee.• The play policy provides a clear framework for implementation and delivery.• A framework is in place for monitoring progress and regular reporting on plans.• The play policy clearly identifies the importance of play• The policy was developed drawing on consultation with a range of relevant stakeholders.• The play policy is based on a clear assessment of local needs and identifies current provision and opportunities for play (baseline)• A Play Policy working group with key partners been established for delivery